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MAIN SET-BACKS DEPLETED CROP, SLUMP IN STOCKS

Industrial Expansion Feature of
Past Year—Mines Production
Much Increased

OUTLOOK FOR 1938

Ottawa Correspondent Reviews
Situation in Canada as
New Year Opens

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA Jan. 5th.—Passing the milestone of another year, Canada's skies seem quite bright, with some clouds on the horizon. Even to the most sceptical observer the year 1937 has been a period of economic recovery. There has been a definite advance in most of the major industries.

Main Points of Setback

The two main points of setback of course were the depleted wheat harvest, particularly in Saskatchewan, and the slump in the stock markets, which began in midsummer and which is still with us. No review of the year that has just passed can underestimate the effects of both these disasters.

In the case of the wheat harvest all Canadian industry, railways, financial institutions, etc., as well as the producers themselves, have felt the break in the grain production of the West. With the stock market slump, aside from the individual losses in investment, Canadian industry has been brought face to face with the thought of what repercussions may come if industry in the United States suffers further reverses. On the other hand, Canadian industry on the whole has stood up well during the year.

In the sale of many products of the farm, in the use of electric power for domestic and factory purposes, in newsprint manufacture, in the steel

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No Regrets re Solloway, but Remarks "Illuminating"

EDMONTON, Jan. 5th—Replying to the statement made by I. W. C. Solloway during his trial in Toronto on charges of theft, fraud and breach of trust, "I have reason to think that Mr. Brownlee is sorry for having me arrested," Mr. Brownlee said yesterday that he had never discussed the matter personally with Mr. Solloway. He added: "Mr. Solloway's remarks are in one respect at least interesting, and perhaps illuminating. I am not aware of any feelings of regret for the proceedings taken against him but I would be interested to know what has happened to make him think I have regretted them."

"To break Chinese resistance we must absolutely stop British aid, perhaps at the price of war," declared Admiral Suetsugu, Japanese cabinet minister, in an article in a Tokio publication. Japan's mission, he said, was to remove the "white yoke" from the yellow race.

Takes Permanent Post



E. A. Corbett, former Director of Extension for the University of Alberta, who was given leave of absence to organize the Adult Education movement in Canada, has now accepted a permanent post in this work and resigned his University post. Donald Cameron, M.Sc., has been acting director since Mr. Corbett undertook his new work.

Face Large Deficit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5th.—The U.S. will have a deficit of \$949,000,000 on next year's budget, according to President Roosevelt's message to Congress today. The largest single item budgeted for is \$1,000,000,000 for the W.P.A.; and nearly as great an amount is provided for defence, with the warning that more may be required later in the year, depending on the state of international relations.

TO LEAVE LEAGUE?

BUCAREST, Jan. 5th.—Rumania cannot be expected to forego Italian friendship in order to adhere to the League, said Premier Goga last night.

TIGHTENING GRIP

SHANGHAI, Jan. 5th.—Unless "anti-Japanese outrages" in the international settlement are stopped, control will be taken over by Japanese authorities, who also demand that Japanese be placed in controlling positions in all departments of the municipal government.

BIG LAND DEAL

RAYMOND, Alta., Jan. 5th.—The Kirkcaldy Ranch, comprising 118,000 acres of land along the Milk River was bought from the Knight Sugar Company by the McIntyre Ranching Company.

Dominating Feature of Discussion by Correspondents Is Attitude to Be Taken by Farmers' Primary Organization Towards Public Affairs in Alberta

Reflecting widely differing views upon the role which the United Farmers of Alberta should fill in the life of the Province, the letters published below have been received in response to the general invitation extended to readers of *The Western Farm Leader* in our last issue. They answer, from the standpoints of the various contributors, the question, "What Should the Farmers' Convention Do?"

We cannot, in a brief introduction, summarize adequately these various points of view. No doubt consideration of the issues raised will be widely extended during the next few weeks in many rural communities throughout Alberta. Democracy, it has been said, is in one of its aspects "government by discussion," and we believe that the more widely the issues to be faced at the coming Farm Convention are discussed at meetings and in conversations between farmer and farmer, the more likely are the conclusions to be reached to make for the general good of the farm people in particular and therefore of the Province as a whole.

It is the sincere hope of *The Western Farm Leader* that a frank interchange of ideas at this time between neighbor and neighbor, in a spirit of tolerance and goodwill, such as it has been our desire to promote, may contribute something of value towards this desired end.

MUST RETAIN IDENTITY

Bawlf, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Feeling that we have good cause to be proud of the achievements and record of the U.F.A. in the past I would like to express reasons why I am convinced that we must retain our identity in the political field in the future.

Why We Went In

We went into politics because we had problems that we could best solve ourselves. A study of the acts passed by the U.F.A. Government during its tenure of office will prove the wisdom of that step. Other groups such as Labor, followed our lead and it was only natural that since we were all fighting for better conditions, we finally decided to co-ordinate our activities wherever possible.

In 1932 the C.C.F. was formed as a centralizing agency with executives to direct the affairs of the Federation. Nine occupational groups have joined and are called affiliated members. They work together along broad lines as laid down in the Manifesto of the C.C.F. It is evident, however, that each group will best understand its own particular field. For that reason educational work by the C.C.F. in politics has been very much simplified. Definitely the C.C.F. is an agency to co-ordinate the forces of its members, and is not a political party as some seem to think. This misunderstanding is being taken advantage of at the present time and that is why I have taken pains to explain the function of the C.C.F.

If "Steal" Is Permitted

The last member to join is the "C.C.F. Clubs." The name is confusing and I am afraid the propaganda of some of its leaders is confusing as well. The idea is rapidly spreading that it is the C.C.F. party and that the other members should go out of

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VIEWPOINT FROM CYPRESS

Irvine, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

In the controversy as to political fusion now under way in Alberta, it might not be amiss to contribute a viewpoint from Cypress.

At the Whiteman joint convention, which originated in the call of the three presidents of political party associations in Cypress, a surprising response was shown to the Unity Movement. Some 60 voluntary delegates of different polls registered at the opening and exactly 20 known U.F.A. supporters therefrom met separately and approved of the action of their president in his being a party to the call, and later a much larger number of U.F.A. supporters participated in the organization of the Unity Movement in Cypress riding.

Truly be it stated that such action did not find unanimous approval at the home polls and it had to be defended on the ground that deserters can hardly expect to be consulted by the remnants of the army in making peace.

Welfare of Province First

The Unity Movement is essentially a peace program among political opponents having as its purpose the welfare of the Province.

All political parties foster the good of the people and the well-being of the Province, or at least pretend to do so in their platforms and declarations, and unity will effectively dispose of any pretences in the hearts of individuals with factious spirits. What divides them is often a slightly different viewpoint, or the particular angle of presentation of economic or monetary theories; the mixing of purely Federal prerogatives and sometimes selfish individualism using every means to obtain the support of votes—the only democratic weapons which gives power to govern.

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READERS GIVE VIEWS ON ISSUES FACING FARM CONVENTION

VIEWPOINT FROM CYPRESS

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As recent utterances before the Rowell Commission in Regina indicate, political party expediency induces to the abstention of practical methods for the future; therefore political party motives should be of secondary importance in the formation of the next Government in Alberta.

Karl Marx is dead a long time and his prophetic utterances and writings on the tendencies of future generations do not give us bread and butter today. The problems of the present day will have to be solved in the light of past experiences, and the lessons for the future by the minds of practical men unhampered by party expediency.

Let us stand squarely in front of the objective—the often declared well-being of Alberta and its people—which requires that: Agriculture be self-sustaining and prospering; that mercantile activities are necessary; that industrial progress be fostered within the Province; that qualified professions and occupations be protected; that educators deal with facts in and out of the schools; that taxation be reasonable as to actual income from assessed property, and also collected; that debt adjustment be so regulated as to eliminate abuses; and that it be recognized that individuals have duties to the Province, which provides for the protection of persons, education, health and the safeguarding of the home property.

These essentials to the well-being of the Province need the sinking of party politics to face the present day realities.

We look forward in hope that the U.F.A. Convention will, when dealing with the subject of Unity Movement, contribute by its decision to the general welfare of the Province.

C.C.F. SHOWS WAY

Mayerthorpe, Alta.
Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Responding to your invitation to the sheep may I give my "bleat" as one having no shepherd.

In reply to advice from one of riper years to a young fellow regarding the wisdom of spending his hard earned savings on chocolates for the fair sex, I recently heard this answer: "Well, it's just as good as spending it on beer or whisky." And so, while I think Mr. Shield's and Mr. Macklin's letters contain much merit, neither appears "clean cut."

Why hang on to a bunch of junk? Doesn't the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation clearly show the way to a better world, in harmony with the ideals we have recently celebrated?

Peace, Goodwill to men! Any other way is futile.

No man can serve two masters. The endeavor to do so was the chief factor in the downfall of the U.F.A. Government.

A. E. SHERRATT.

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S. WIEDEMAN.

MUST RETAIN IDENTITY

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politics so it may sweep into power. In this Province the U.F.A. is the strongest member of the Federation and is the target aimed at. Of course, if this "steal" is permitted by the next U.F.A. Convention at Edmonton it will eventually mean the destruction of the C.C.F. as a unifying agency.

The argument put up is that a party with such a name can easily win an election, and that it would take over the objectives of the C.C.F. Manifesto. The trouble with this argument is that the new party would be cut along the pattern of the old time line parties who are all anxious and willing to take over the Manifesto for election purposes. Mr. Aberhart won an election too, and where is he at? After all an election is a small matter compared with the use of intelligence after it has been won.

Let me repeat that the C.C.F. agency has done much to simplify the complexity of politics by bringing about more unity among occupational groups all suffering under the heel of Capitalism and at the same time permitting each to elect representatives directly responsible to itself.

Provincial Platform

Again, certain U.F.A. members are anxious that we should have a Provincial C.C.F. platform. A checking of the Manifesto and the Provincial Draft as published in *The Western Farm Leader*, February 19th, 1937, will show that the Manifesto covers everything in this draft and it is to be hoped the Provincial constituencies will nominate candidates competent to explain the Provincial aspects and opportunities of the Manifesto on the public platform.

Farmer and Monetary Reform

As I have stressed the point that particular fields of reform may affect one group more than another, let us turn to monetary reform and see how it affects the farmer. No one can deny that mortgages held against farms in any community are far in excess of any other bank loans. In this field the farmers have an urgent case and must take the lead by united action.

The Ginger Group, chiefly U.F.A. (C.C.F.) were instrumental in bringing about the Bank of Canada. The Act, thanks to the capitalistic interference, is full of flaws, but these can all be corrected by amendments, once the proper pressure is brought to bear. It may look hopeless but that cannot be helped. The main thing is to fight intelligently.

The Bank of Canada is not functioning properly, and we say almost not at all, for two reasons. Firstly, there are no adequate funds; and secondly, there is no system of distributing funds to meet actual needs.

Let us briefly examine a few of the flaws in the Bank of Canada Act. As to funds, we find that by Sec. 28 (2) Governor-in-Council "may" require gold coin or bullion to be transferred to the Bank of Canada; and by Sec. 26 (2) we find that it could issue notes on a 25 per cent gold reserve to cover.

The Little Word "May"

The little word "may" must be substituted by the more forceful word "shall". I understand gold mining interests last year issued some sixty million dollars in dividends, this chiefly because of exports to U.S. As the gold production in Canada is around \$100,000,000 per annum it is easily seen that the Bank if it wished could provide funds, after paying for the gold, up to two or three hundred million per annum for distribution until national banking would be firmly established and be able to monetize its own wealth like present private banks.

Well Begun but Thwarted

The neglect of the Board of Directors was all at the expense of a national credit system well begun but thwarted.

URGES PROGRESSIVE FUSION BEHIND GOVERNMENT

Raven, Alta.
Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

We hear a lot about the insanity of the present economic system; poverty amidst plenty, destruction of real wealth to bolster prices, etc., and we place the blame on those who by control of credit order our lives; but the crowning insanity of all is the fact that the progressive minded people are split into a number of factions who, though having a common objective, are disunited as to the method of obtaining that objective, and spend their time and energy fighting one another instead of uniting against the common enemy. The common objective is of course the betterment of conditions for the masses. The common starting point must surely be public control of credit.

Expression of People's Will

The latest expression of the people's will in Alberta shows the majority behind Social Credit. Why should not all progressive groups get behind the Government in their struggle for control of credit? If we were all working together and Social Credit proved unworkable we could try other reforms. By trial and error methods humanity makes progress.

Hoping my old comrades of the U.F.A. will not be so foolish as to align themselves with those who not long ago were bitterly opposed to the Farmer Government.

Yours truly,

C. O. SAVAGE.

The reason is obvious. A "set-up" of new directors seems necessary and I would say two or three directors appointed by each Province would be a more satisfactory arrangement. Again Sec. 22 (c) prohibits the Bank from engaging in the mortgage business. The former reason for this was that depositors' money must be safeguarded. As the Bank of Canada is not so dependent this clause must be deleted and this would bring the interest rate on mortgage loans to the present minimum of five per cent, which later can be reduced and the revenue would flow back into the public treasury.

Another clause, Sec. 25 (1), reads partly "The Bank shall sell gold to any person who makes demand therefore, etc." This should be changed to a limited standard which requires that petitions for gold must be accompanied with sufficient reasons. The clause as at present will permit the capitalistic interests to foil national banking in its infancy or perhaps even later on.

What We Should Press For

What we farmers of Alberta must press for is this—the Bank of Canada should provide the Provinces with sufficient interest free funds to operate Provincial branches. The repayment plan would be say two per cent, or perhaps even less of the principal until paid up and the revenues derived would go into the Provincial treasury. If the Province failed or neglected to meet the repayment plan it would simply be interdicted for further loans until it made good. If properly handled the Bank of Canada could supply Alberta with \$10,000,000 per annum until its requirements were filled and other provinces in proportion. The Bank should require no interest on these particular loans, for the simple reason that they would be in the interest of the Canadian public welfare and would put the provinces on their own feet.

I have reviewed these few facts to show that the farmers do have a strong case. All other economic reforms, as mentioned in the Manifesto, are dependent on this primary need of monetary reform.

Let us stick to our guns.

Yours sincerely,

P. C. HANSON,
Secretary, Camrose U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association.

RESULTS OF SIX YEARS' OPERATIONS

At the commencement of the 1931-32 season the Alberta Wheat Pool's obligations to the Province of Alberta arising out of the 1929 Pool overpayment amounted to \$5,649,000. In addition the bank loan on the Pool terminal at Vancouver amounted to \$1,750,000. This made a total indebtedness at that time in connection with the Pool capital structure of \$7,399,000.

As a result of the operations of Alberta Pool Elevators over the past six years the debt to the Province was reduced as at September 1st, 1937, to \$4,705,000 and the bank loan on the terminal property has been paid for in full. In addition the Pool has paid interest to the Province over the past six years of \$1,579,000 and interest to the bank on the terminal loan of \$320,000.

Furthermore, after providing payment on September 1st, 1937, in respect to the cleaning up of the terminal loan as well as the installment of principal due the Province of Alberta, Alberta Pool's liquid assets have improved as compared to July 15th, 1931, to the extent of approximately \$600,000.

ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

WHAT SHOULD FARM CONVENTION DO?

OBJECTS OF PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

Calgary, Alta.
Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*: In your issue of 17th December Mr. W. H. Shield has pointed out clearly the confusion of thought prevailing at the present time in Alberta with respect to Provincial politics, and the urgent necessity of united action to prevent the continuance in power of the present Government. Mr. Shield's views agree very much with those which lie behind the whole policy of the People's League.

Like Mr. Shield, we in the League believe that party or partisan politics are out of place in Provincial matters. Partisan politics have their origin in class strife and class rivalry, in a state of things wherein rival groups of people think first and foremost of protecting and advancing their own interests only, and do not care if as a result other classes in the community suffer grievously. Rigid equality can never be attained in human affairs. That is unnatural and unsound, but it is even more unsound that one section of a community should enjoy an abundance of wealth, material comforts, and privileges, while another section is in want and has to face great hardships.

A Well Ordered Community

To avoid such an uneven balance in a community it is necessary that people of all classes and all occupations should as a matter of habit try to think of the community as a whole and not as divided into classes, sections or parties, struggling to get the better of one another. A well ordered community is one in which the various occupations or callings are so arranged as to work together to the general good, without glaring differences of living conditions. It is not necessary in our opinion that there should be rivalry and friction between farmers and townpeople, between producers and distributors, between the different kinds of workers all of whom have a useful part to play in a civilized community.

It is not easy to attain a fair balance. One side of human nature is always trying to upset it and to secure an advantage for one section or another, but there is another and a better side of human nature, which realizes the folly of such strife. It is that better spirit which is expressed in the idea of Unity.

It is that Unity which the League is trying to foster. Out of such unity might come, not in a day, but gradually and steadily the better condition of things which Mr. Shield and others like him realize to be so necessary for us all.

Yours truly,

H. G. SCOTT.
People's League of Alberta,
Southern District.

GARDINER WANTED ANYWAY

Pollockville, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*: To the important question, should the U.F.A. remain in politics? I answer: It does not look reasonable to hope that it could gain the power it once had.

The way it stands now it causes confusion, and keeps forward-looking people divided politically, and I think hinders the farmers in their co-operating.

If the U.F.A. were out of politics, who is there among us, but what would want such a man as Robert Gardiner to represent us anyway, either in the Province or Dominion?

J. R. ZIGLAR.

For the first eleven months of 1937, the C.P.R. shows net earnings of over \$20,800,000.

TEN GREATEST

A school teacher is said to have asked her class to name the 10 greatest men in the world. One boy wrote:

The New York Yankees..... 9
Charlie Chaplin..... 1

WRITES AS PIONEER FARMER

Mirror, Alta.
Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*: I am writing as a pioneer Alberta farmer who engaged in no business but farming from 1901 to 1934. I have never taken much interest in politics, but I voted for the U.F.A. in every election but the last one. My interests are economic, a result of years of farming, crystallized by the ruinous prices during the depression.

As a result of much study of orthodox economics, I became certain that fundamentals still were hidden from me, but which later were revealed by the "New Economics" of Money—the works of Gessell, Kitson, Soddy, Fisher and finally Douglas—who gives not only the analysis, but offers a remedy, and the equally revolutionary political conception of "demanding results"—pure democracy.

Beyond doubt the great majority of farmers are behind the Social Credit movement. What have we to gain from the "People's League," led by men, not one of whom is, or has been, a farmer, and who have lived, not with, but off, the farmers as a class?

Suppose a combination of all parties secured a majority against the Social Credit Government. Who would dictate policy? The U.F.A.? The farmers would be hopelessly split, and the forces of reaction would be more firmly in the saddle than ever.

Do Not Yield to Ottawa

It is said that Ottawa, and not Edmonton, is the proper place for reform. A session of Parliament, or a perusal of Hansard, would cure any reformer of this idea—or ought to. I know the members of, and have listened to the debates in, both Houses and, as a result, I say to the farmers of Alberta, do not yield anything to Ottawa, the idea is so to concentrate power, and so enlarge the field, as to make any effective reform impossible.

Do not listen to the "patriotic" appeals of the "People's League." Where were these "patriots" when a million Canadians were destitute and wheat was 20 cents per bushel? Their loyalty is not to the Constitution, but to the "institution" of the private control of money—Finance—which knows no country, and no loyalty, but to itself. The League's counterparts in the U.S.A. hate Roosevelt, just as we are hated, and for the same reasons.

The backers of the "People's League" and not the Alberta Government, desire to alter the Constitution. Insistence on provincial rights, as granted by the B.N.A. Act, will not destroy Confederation; their loss will not strengthen it.

If we must believe in Ottawa, don't fight Aberhart. Insist that King carries out his promise of public control of currency and credit. Let us forget personalities and think only of the cause—economic freedom and justice.

People's League Cannot Help

We have the remedy in our hands. Let us, as citizens, demand results. If we obtain them none can complain. If we do not, we can put in others until we do obtain the desired results. We want an end to "elastic" money—which must be borrowed and repaid two or three times with real wealth, or we are branded as dishonest. We demand an end to poverty, destitution and involuntary unemployment. I do know that the People's League cannot help us—they stand for the very causes of what we wish to end, but they can help themselves, as they have done so liberally in the past.

The leaders of the U.F.A. made a mistake in 1935. Do not make another in 1938 by backing the forces we defeated in 1921. Think, and act, as the producers of real wealth, and not for the controllers of the means of exchange. Whether you believe or not, in the technicalities of Social Credit, you must believe, as democrats, in demanding results. Demand them from the present Alberta Government. If you obtain them, you win. If you

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do not, or you are convinced, say in two years' time, that this Government cannot, or will not, obtain the results you desire, you will be in a position to put in a Government that can, and demand that it must, do your will, or you will put it out.

When we succeed in so controlling our Alberta Government and when it "delivers the goods," will be time enough to start in on the Federal field, which at present is beyond our reach, and only desires, through the "People's League," to prevent effective action Provincially.

NORMAN JAQUES.

RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

Blackfoot P.O., Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*: Just now when opponents of political action are concentrating their forces, it is well to consider this move very carefully.

Remember, as our President said at Macleod, "the old line parties would like to see the U.F.A. out of politics."

Also remember that those who are most active in advising a non-political organization are themselves very active in politics in other fields.

Also remember that these same persons, when they represented the U.F.A. politically, refused to subscribe to the political principles of the U.F.A. or even to legislate in accordance with the urgent requirements of an agricultural Province in a time of unprecedented depression.

That was the reason why they went out of politics, and by their lack of action they inaugurated the Social Credit victory.

I remember that previous to 1921 the people of Alberta had no political organization to formulate any policy of their own.

Before We Went Into Politics

I remember that in those days political control was completely in the hands of the two old line parties and that graft and patronage were the order of the day. I also remember that at this moment in those central Provinces which are the headquarters of these line parties, a spirit of hostility is being fostered against the exploited settlers of the Prairie Provinces.

Naturally we ask, what is the reason for a retreat from the political field?

In a year or two Social Credit will have run its course and progressive people will be looking for a true progressive policy to supersede it; one that will meet Western needs.

When that time comes, what organized labor will do in towns and cities, organized agriculture should do in rural areas.

That is the ideal of the C.C.F. Is that ideal to be now destroyed by the organization that originated it?

This move has all the earmarks of a political plot, prepared by some of the persons who failed Alberta politically in her hour of need, a plot for the purpose of robbing the rural people of Alberta of their political organization which they never needed more urgently than they do today.

An Irishman is reported to have said in the House of Commons that "he smelt a rat and took it by the horns and nipped it in the bud." I offer that advice to every thoughtful delegate to the 1938 U.F.A. Convention.

It would in my opinion be very foolish to co-operate with anybody for no better purpose than to defeat Mr. Aberhart. Rather would it not be well for us to gather up the loose threads of our own political ideas?

Having defined these, would it not be wise for us to institute some form of discipline so that our leaders shall represent our opinions?

Have Challenged Oppressors

I object to much in the Social Credit campaign but I do realize that they have taken a necessary step by challenging our constitutional oppressors.

The policy of just attending to our Provincial chores is weak and futile.

The Provincial Government of this agricultural Province must in the future be a militant body and not one resigned to conditions of injustice for no better reason than their constitutional legality.

Surely it is evident that such a government must have the support of a rural political organization that is independent of the old line parties whose policies have been so disastrous to Western Canada in the past.

The choice as I see it is whether we are swamped by a wave of reaction or go on upon the tide of Progression. The decision will be in the hands of the delegates.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. MILNER.
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ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

As one of the contributors of our Readers' Forum points out: "The first law of common decency and the essence of democracy is toleration of your neighbor's opinion." Without such toleration, no discussion of public issues can be fruitful in reasoned conclusions.

The Forum will have justified itself if it serves to promote discussion, between farmer and farmer in a tolerant spirit, of the issues which have been raised.

The various letters received from many parts of the Province form a sort of minor plebiscite on the questions to be decided by the Farmers' Convention which meets this month. More than one or two schools of thought are represented. Differences of opinion, which are marked, are brought out into the open. Farmer meets farmer in our correspondence columns, and compares ideas.

We believe that this is a definite gain. Every farmer who takes sufficient interest in the matters discussed to make a contribution, is concerned to promote the welfare of the primary industry in which he is engaged. Often he must agree to differ with his neighbor upon important questions of policy; but differences should not preclude the possibility of neighborly relations and recognition of the fact that each is seeking to advance the interests of agriculture and of the community as he sees them.

If such a spirit of tolerance is maintained, not only in farm gatherings, but in rural communities throughout the Province, a long forward step will have been taken towards the solution of our problems.

It was with this thought in mind that we decided to open the Forum.

The current issue of *The Western Farm Leader* is largely the product of our readers. They have become for this occasion virtually editors of the paper. We thank them for their assistance, and we trust that they will find their joint production as interesting and as stimulating of thought upon the vitally important issues to be decided, as we do. We hope, further, that the opening of the Forum may prove a factor of value in bringing about the most satisfactory solution of the problems of policy with

which the farm people of Alberta are faced.

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SHOULD END RESTRICTION

Under the rules now being applied in the carrying out of the Dominion-wide Youth Training scheme, farm young people are denied the opportunity to take any courses except in agriculture. Urban boys have a fairly wide range of courses to choose from.

The authorities point out that only a small proportion of the youths who could profit by training under the Rehabilitation program can be given the opportunity to take any of the courses. When there are so many unemployed young men and women in the cities whose applications must be rejected, they do not wish to add to the difficulty of selection by throwing the courses in other than agricultural subjects open to farm youth. It is also desired to keep farm boys and girls as far as possible on the farms.

Whatever might be said about the imposition of the restriction in more normal times, it undoubtedly works a serious hardship today in many rural areas, where there has been a succession of crop failures. In many instances families which include several boys are today barely existing on dried out prairie farms. Not one of these boys can obtain a course except in agriculture, the presumption being that after the course they will return home to work. But in such cases what the boys need to do is to find work away from the farm. They are in just as bad a predicament as the unemployed youth of the cities. And in such cases, at least, they should have equal opportunities.

This is one matter upon which we think the coming United Farmers' Convention might with advantage take action.

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DANCE OF DEATH

"Prosperity" in greater or lesser degree, is being maintained today in most of the great capitalist democracies by the expenditure of vast sums on rearmament and by exports of material useful in war to aggressor states.

Britain's artificial prosperity of the moment rests on such a basis. The United States, by the adoption of a greatly extended program of rearmament, is seeking to overcome in some measure the effects of the serious recession in business activity.

Of course the armaments are intended for defence, but the point is that the manufacture of implements of death is also a means of keeping the wheels of industry running and preventing the

DEMOCRACIES HAVE POWER TO END WAR

(New York Nation)

It is time to get back to collective security as basically economic. We live in a world in which nations flourish or fall by their economic strength or weakness, in which war is a large-scale industry drawing its materials from the four corners of the world, in which the specter that haunts the aggressor nations is not so much military defeat as financial collapse. Reinhold Niebuhr points out that the capitalist democracies are involved in contradictions as deep and inescapable as those expressed in the Greek tragic themes.

But the fascist powers are caught in the same contradictions. Their aim is to solder capitalist power with the flame of terrorism. Yet they must push their aggressions in a world in which every major gain must be made at the cost of other capitalist powers; and in a world, moreover, where their own war machines can operate only with the sufferance and help of the industrial machines of the major democracies.

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That is what creates the strength of economic action by the capitalist democracies. It is we who furnish the scrap iron, the steel, the oil, the rubber which Japan is using to wipe out Chinese civilization. English credit and trade would be necessary to keep Germany from collapse if it should embark on its Czechoslovakian and Russian adventures. American, English and French money and raw materials are the cement that alone can hold Mussolini's Mediterranean power together for any length of time.

The democracies need not and must not talk of war; they need talk only of their legal power to withhold or provide credits and munitions according to their choice. This is all the "quarantining" that need ever be done; and if it were done with firmness and decisiveness, it would undoubtedly provide an adequate check to long-range plans of conquest.

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Would it also prevent resort to war as a desperate final step on the part of the Fascist powers? That, unfortunately, is the gravest incalculable in a situation full of incalculables. It would be foolish to say that the fascist nations would never dare precipitate war in order to drag the whole world down with them in their own ruin. One can only say that if they are allowed to ravage the smaller powers at will now, their strength and prestige and arrogance will be all the greater when the decisive moment comes. The real claim to make for collective security is not that it will eliminate all danger of war, but that an announced determination to take economic action against an aggressor will minimize the probability of those continuing depredations from which general war will inevitably develop.

expansion of the army of unemployed to too dangerous proportions.

In the Fascist states, of course, there is no prosperity, only increasing hardship; but rearmament does provide means of keeping the masses employed, even though their standards of living are steadily sinking.

So rearmament, in both classes of states, provides a means of postponing a crisis. It is a stalling against the day when fundamental changes must be brought about if civilization is to escape extinction. But in the long run this kind of stalling can only end in one form of disaster or another—in general war or in industrial collapse throughout the capitalist world.

There is only one way out of the dilemma. It is to change the system. That will not be done until the masses of the people realize the need for change, and insist that it be carried out.

An Appraisal of Consumers' Co-operation in Alberta



By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY,
Chairman U.F.A. Co-operative Committee

WHAT are the benefits of Co-operative Buying? Sometimes in a tone of genuine inquiry, but at other times accompanied by a sceptical attitude, if not a downright sneer, this question has been asked over the years, here in Alberta as elsewhere.

Giving all due weight to the lag which takes place between the first formulation of an idea aiming at social or economic reform, and its acceptance by the mass of the people, it is nevertheless a cause for genuine concern that the consumers' co-operative movement should have failed to grip the imagination of the people of Alberta. It has made phenomenal progress in almost all European countries in the course of the past three or four generations, and has made so great an impression upon the life of the United States in the past fifteen years that it has been the subject of a special inquiry by a committee of the United States Congress.

After Twenty Years of Experimenting

For more than twenty years now, Locals of the United Farmers of Alberta, assisted by farmers who are not members of the U.F.A., have attempted to improve their economic conditions through buying farm supplies and household goods co-operatively. There have also been some small groups of consumers organized in the cities and towns of the Province. Undoubtedly much benefit has been derived from these activities. It would be impossible to accurately compute, for instance, the regulating effect upon price levels. Many a co-operative store came into being during the war and immediately following years as a result of the conviction of the consumers of the district that retail profits were too great; and though many such stores flourished only for a few years and ultimately closed their doors with serious loss to their members, or more particularly to their boards of directors, the check upon profit-making was of real value to the community. A number of these stores have attained success, and are worthy of study.

That being said, however, it remains true that the consumers' co-operative movement in Alberta has relatively failed after twenty years of experimenting during which time large producers' co-operatives such as the Wheat Pool and the Dairy Pools, have come into being and maintained themselves in the face of great difficulties.

The consumer movements ought to be showing some signs of integration and the building of permanent institutions. So far as the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are concerned, the contrary seems to be the case. In 1936, after preliminary organization resulting from an inspiring address given by Rev. Father M. M. Coady of St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, the consumers' store movement was launched again in Calgary. A store was opened that summer in a central location, having the pledged support of several hundred families. It is no secret that for many months past the board of directors of that store have faced difficulties due to withdrawal of patronage on the part of scores of families who have failed to live up to their first enthusiasms. In the city of Edmonton in 1936 three separate co-operative stores came into being. Not one of them has survived. In the course of the past twenty years many failures have resulted from the assumption that the lessons and technique of co-operation can be learned in a few weeks by any group of people.

Farm Supplies

We look at a brighter picture when we turn to the co-operative buying of farm supplies, but here too, there are obviously lessons to be learned. There can be no denying the fact that

progress is slow and that there is always the possibility of ultimate failure.

In the past seven years Locals of the U.F.A. to the number of several hundred each year have made use of the organization to buy quantities of gasolines, distillates, lubricating oils and greases, binder twine and coal. Some of these farm groups do business in other commodities, e.g. posts, flour, farm chemicals, B.C. fruit, batteries, baby chicks, etc.; but the chief business of the Association has continued to be in the first named group. Petroleum products easily takes the lead in volume and value in 1936 and 1937. Here is a field of co-operative buying which is of real interest to farmers, as the use of petroleum products enters into the costs of farming in definite relation to the increased use of machinery. To save small sums of money by buying formaldehyde, gopher poison, a car battery or even a few tons of coal is important; but to buy advantageously gasoline for car and truck and stationary engines, and fuel for the tractor, together with lubricating oils and greases for a year's operations on a good sized up-to-date farm is another thing and of much greater importance. The phenomenal growth of co-operative buying of these lines in several of the American states is a tribute to that fact.

Fine Record of Progress

The U.F.A. Co-operatives have a fine record of progress in this phase of consumer co-operation. In 1935, after four years of attempting to pool the buying power of our Locals in petroleum products, the U.F.A. Central Co-operative became the sole agents in Alberta for a standard line of Alberta manufactured fuels. Since that time we have demonstrated the possibilities of erecting, equipping and operating oil agencies with a modest capital outlay, which can efficiently and economically serve the farm trade. We have steadily increased volume sales until we have passed several companies having a national reputation and stand in sixth place among oil companies of Alberta on the records of those paying taxes under the Fuel Oil Tax Act.

Time for Frank Expression

The writer feels, after many years' work in and much study of the building of consumer co-operatives, that it is time for some frank expression of views in regard to these matters.

It is not easy to build co-operatives on this continent for a number of reasons. In the West in particular we take an individualistic attitude to business. The Co-operative movement does not develop under the same circumstances as in Europe. Our people have not been rooted in the community for several generations. They are immigrants of varying cultures. They have been thrown together in relatively recent years and have not the binding social ties that come from long association of families. Then, too, they have not felt the dependence upon each other which is felt by people who work together for a lifetime at the same factory or workshop or mine as in England and Scotland. Nor have they the common interest in developing and maintaining a market for agricultural produce as is the case of the farmers of Denmark.

It might justly be objected that the wheat grower is presented with a similar problem, but I submit that the growing and marketing of wheat is in another class of agricultural effort in which the benefits of association in business are not as easily seen. To contend otherwise leads directly to the conclusion that Western Canadian grain farmers are woefully perverse and stupid as compared with the Danes which we do not admit.

Another reason for the relative slowness of the Alberta people to em-

brace co-operation is that the great majority of our people are in process of acquiring the equipment with which to carry on operations or maintain a household. Every dollar is needed for something. There is no sense of stability or security, no regular wage, surpluses are very rare. Few farmers have a steady cash income from cows, hogs or garden and field produce, as have those farming in areas close to great urban markets. They are therefore frequently short of cash and are loth to invest in co-operative enterprises or allow their dividends to accrue.

The Outstanding Difficulty

It is here that we put our finger on the outstanding difficulty. We want to realize all the benefits of co-operation immediately. With some fine exceptions in almost every community we have not sought to build that social solidarity, that sense of oneness with our neighbors which is an indispensable factor in true co-operation. Co-operatives have been built upon the labors and self-denial of the few, while the many have regarded the enterprise as just another business venture, to be used if satisfactory for the immediate ends in view but of no vital significance otherwise.

We need in Alberta at present, time

Stresses Fascist Tendencies Shown by "Oxford" Leader

Buchman's Praise of Hitler and Plutocratic Backing Recalled by Nation

NEW YORK, Jan. 1st.—Commenting on the appearance of the new magazine of Dr. Buchman's "Oxford Group Movement," *Rising Tide*, the New York *Nation* editorially points out that Dr. Buchman's own idea of "God-control" (the slogan of the movement), was expressed some time ago on his return from Germany, when he declared that it is easier for God to control a nation through one man than it is through a legislature. "Of course," comments the *Nation*, "Dr. Buchman insists your dictator must be the right kind, but last year Dr. Buchman interviewed Hitler and found him good."

The *Nation* is one among many critics of the organization which Dr. Buchman heads, who believe that the interests of religion are gravely threatened when a movement headed by a man sympathetic to Fascist dictatorship ventures to claim divine inspiration; and the New York periodical further recalls "the plutocratic nature of Dr. Buchman's backing."

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1. Demonstrate the value of consumer co-operation and;
2. Carry on a steady campaign

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Thirtieth Annual Convention of the UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA TENTATIVE PROGRAM

The following is the tentative program of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. Interesting speakers on important subjects will address the evening sessions, and we are therefore trying to make arrangements to broadcast the evening sessions as well as the opening session. Many of you will have noticed in the last issue of this paper that the Morrin Local sent in \$5.00 to start our broadcasting fund. If any more of our Locals and members feel that they can contribute to this fund, donations will be much appreciated. Watch for further announcement re broadcasting.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18th.

10:00 a.m. Official opening.

Invocation.

Opening Address—His Hon. Lieut.-Gov.
Bowen.

Address of Welcome—His Worship Mayor
J. W. Fry.

Election of Chairmen.

Appointment of Committees.

Annual Address of President.

Annual Address of President U.F.W.A.

Report of Board of Directors.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—Financial Statements.

Report of Co-operative Committee.

Resolutions.

Get together dinner, delegates and visitors, Acadia Constituency, at Royal George Hotel, 6:15.

TUESDAY EVENING—Community Singing.

8 p.m. Address—Dr. Wm. Allen, Prof. of Farm Management, University of Saskatchewan.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—Joint session with U.F.W.A.

Junior Work.

Junior Fraternal Delegates.

Constitutional amendments.

Future Policy.

Resolutions.

Nominations for president, 1938.

Get together luncheon, delegates and visitors, Camrose Constituency, Shasta Cafe, 12:15.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—Joint Session.

Ballot for President, 1938.

Nominations for Vice-President, 1938.

Resolutions.

Ballot for Vice-President.

Resolutions.

U.F.W.A. Banquet, Hudson's Bay, 6:15 sharp.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—Community Singing.

8:00 Fraternal delegates.

Address—Mr. John Vallance, "Rehabilitating the Drought Area under the P.F.R.A."

THURSDAY MORNING—Resolutions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Resolutions.

Election of Directors.

Get together dinner, delegates and visitors Bow River Constituency, Corona Hotel, 6:15.

THURSDAY EVENING—Community singing.

8:00 Address—A. H. Tovell, Hail Insurance Board.

Resolutions on Hail Insurance.

FRIDAY MORNING—Resolutions.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—Resolutions.

FRIDAY EVENING—Community singing.

8:00 Address—Russell Johnston, Helmsdale, "Life of the North American Indians"

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LEADER READERS' FORUM

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FORWARD TO SOCIALISM

Macleod, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Congratulations to Hillside Local U.F.A., whose members are too wary birds to be caught in the net spread by the People's League. On such sagacity depends the hope of civilization itself, for the issue at stake is much more fundamental than any which can be met with regulations, commissions, acts, plans, etc.

Behind all the fog of windy vapors there still remains the inescapable collapse of capitalism, or production for profit. This is the clear-cut issue all citizens must face, capitalism or socialism. Take your choice. It must be one or the other. Whatever it may have done in the past, the fact now is that capitalism—of any brand—cannot function for a nation's good. Nevermore!

Every worker and distributor under capitalism appears individually as a cost upon production, to be reduced to a minimum or eliminated. In other words to be deprived of every good thing. AT THE SAME TIME, every worker and distributor appears under capitalism, individually, as a consumer to be equipped with unlimited quantities of goods, or in other words, supplied with every good thing. He is at the same moment to be starved as a cost, and fattened as a customer.

The Inescapable Conflict

This is the inescapable conflict of cockeyed capitalism producing its utter ruin. No man living can reconcile this basic contradiction and make capitalism function for human good—I care not how high his personal integrity or character may be—any more than he can go east and west from a given point at the same time.

Capitalism produces unspeakable worldwide misery. It can be made to continue its course. The reactionary realist knows how. Fascism is the method. The farcinating capitalist knows Fascism to be the only method of keeping capitalism going, and is, has, prepared to use it in all its brutality to the full. These men have no illusions about the public good, know how to compel submission, and are ready to take the necessary steps. Only as Fascism, can capitalism continue. Who believes in the reactionary old line parties, let him learn the Fascist salute. Who sets his face against socialism and the public good, who wishes to recall to the full the economic agony out of which the U.F.A. was born, let him sit at the feet of the Fascist leaders who know and plan its bloody way!

As one who has suffered under the Iron Heel yet dreams on of freedom, democracy and peace, as one, among the millions of workers the world over, who are awakening to the realities of our bitter lot and the crying need for justice and opportunity, I plead with any reader who may shortly be a delegate to a momentous Convention, to take your stand at whatever cost beside the common people of whose blood and tears you are a living part. Help to build a socialist rampart against capitalism and decay.

The alternative to Social Credit is not back to Capitalism and death, but on into Socialism and abundant life.

J. P. GRIFFIN.

TRY SOCIAL CREDIT FIRST

Lac La Biche.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Allow me as a former U.F.A. member to make a few remarks. If one were to take seriously the letters against Social Credit, and especially against our Premier Aberhart, one would come to the conclusion that he is crazy; and also the majority that elected the members of the Social Credit Government to office. In my opinion Social Credit has not been tried, let alone failed. It is only being delayed from trial.

Honest administration on a *laissez faire* policy for 14 years has not

brought prosperity in Alberta. For one thing, it will not take 14 years to find out if Social Credit is to succeed. If the U.F.A.-C.C.F. wish to get any place, they should join to put Social Credit to its extreme test. If it fails, the U.F.A.-C.C.F. will have solid backing from Social Creditors. On the other hand if Social Credit succeeds, we will have no need of the C.C.F. or U.F.A. to prosper.

After all we have a Social Credit Government in power, where the C.C.F. is continually losing, and the U.F.A. practically extinct, at least politically.

Yours,

T. F. LABOUCANÉ.

P.S.: I was for U.F.A.-C.C.F. from 1921 till January, 1935.

REAL FIGHT DEMOCRACY vs. CAPITALISM

"Parkwood", Bowden.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

On reading the several articles on above, all of which were good, I could not but ask myself, how many of our ardent fusionists, who seem bedeviled by all this loose talk of the U.F.A. and the old line parties linking up to defeat Social Credit and form a sane Government in this Province, have considered how far such an arrangement will take them on the road toward the fulfillment of their vision which they all hold so dear and for which they have all striven for many years, viz: Co-operation replacing competition, and public ownership for service replacing monopoly, exploitation and profit?

I am sure nothing short of this will meet with their approval, and no Government who will not adopt this as their platform and strive with this end in view will fill the bill.

We have only to go back to our last Provincial election to get a little insight into what the Grits and Tories thought of our platform. In those days they certainly had no love for us or our ways, and can anyone imagine they have changed one iota in the meantime. The war cry then arose, "the farmer government must go", and now of course Aberhart and his cohorts must follow, without even dropping a hint as to their platform. Surely they have something definite to offer.

Jockeying for Position

Can anyone imagine with the Grits in the saddle there will be any pressure brought to bear to again establish an EFFECTIVE Wheat Board and will any sympathy be shown for those who wish to change the present system? By this I mean the competitive profit system, which is the root cause of all our troubles both economic and social; and as if to assure our minds on what is likely to happen with the so-called Unity Party if successful at the polls, the exhibition they are giving today should act as a warning, for are they not already jockeying for position?

No. I certainly fear this coalition with its advent all that the U.F.A. stands for will be cast into oblivion. And now to please Mr. Editor (who asks us to be brief), let me state our position as I see it. In my humble opinion the Social Credit Government will hang on to office until their fallacies are confessed to be impracticable by their own followers; so I hardly think we need be unduly stampeded into taking a step, distasteful to all and so disastrous to our cause; for should an election be called before our 1939 convention, surely our delegates when in Edmonton this January can devise some way of meeting such an emergency, for the need for us to remain in the political field is as great as ever.

The fight is still the same old fight, viz: Democracy versus Capitalism. We know in our hearts no Unity Party is ever going to help us on our road and I rest assured our convictions are too deeply seated to be uprooted by spite or malice.

GEO. K. MacSHANE.

THE PAST IS DEAD

Morrin, Alta.

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:
I was very surprised at the tone of most of the letters in the discussion "What Should the Farmers' Convention Do?"

Several years ago, by an almost unanimous vote of the Convention, the U.F.A. decided to join the C.C.F. as an autonomous group. By doing so we put ourselves firmly on record as being lined up with the forces looking for action as opposed to reaction. Why, then, this talk of "Unity" with the old line parties today? Merely to defeat Aberhartism? What a paltry objective! Surely the U.F.A. is nearer in spirit to even Social Credit than it is to reaction.

The question is not "Shall WE go out of politics?"—but "Shall the United Farmer organization go out of politics?" Well, the U.F.A. is out of politics just now—we haven't a single representative at either Edmonton or Ottawa.

Face the Facts

I believe in plain speaking and in facing facts. For years, successive U.F.A. Conventions urged our Provincial members to more radical and progressive action. When they turned a deaf ear to us we let it go at that, and neither took steps to censure them, or to replace them with more forward thinking men. The blame is ours—not theirs. But it cost us our representation in the Federal House too, and that was a national loss. Now, our opportunity as an organization is gone, nor will it ever return in our day. The past is dead. Let's forget it. But what of the future?

To many observers in the rural districts it is plain that, should the U.F.A. stay in politics, officially, as an organization, there is no hope of keeping our Locals together, let alone increasing our membership. When the last rites are said at the Social Credit interment new alignments will take place. Some will be indifferent, some will drift back to their first loves—the Liberal and Conservative groups—and those still believing that social betterment can, and will, be finally effected will turn to Socialism. There is no place for a middle-of-the-road U.F.A. in such an alignment.

As an organization we have always been afraid of the word "Socialism," even while trying to convince both ourselves and other people that we were "progressive." So history once more repeated itself, and we fell between two stools. Now we are floundering around wondering which way to get up.

Tendency Towards Straight Fight

All over the world the tendency is towards a straight fight between Capitalism (or Fascism) on the one hand, and Socialism on the other. This "autonomous group" idea will never go over. In plain language it is too "highbrow" for the ordinary voter. I firmly believe that is why the C.C.F. never "caught on" as it ought. New Zealand didn't fool around that way, and now they are getting places. There are two things we need. First, a strong non-party agrarian organization, Dominion-wide, for co-operation and to look after our economic interests. Second, a Socialist Party of Canada, with local groups in every town, hamlet, and community. It will come to that sooner or later, so why waste time?

To vote the U.F.A. out of politics will be merely a formality—we are out!

N. V. FEARNEHOUGH.

MACKLIN'S LETTER REFRESHING

Idesleigh, Alberta.

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:

It is refreshing to read such correspondence in *The Western Farm Leader* as that by Mr. I. V. Macklin in urging support of active and progressive political action by the U.F.A. organization.

Fusion? Humbug. Why should the U.F.A. organization fuse its forces with the old line parties and get what it does not want, except to defeat in the next Provincial election the present Government whose declared intentions

Only Woman Resident

Mrs. Emil Walli, former Toronto nurse, is the only woman living in Eldorado, N.W.T. She is the wife of the manager of the radium mine at Great Bear Lake.

were altruistic enough, but which has pursued such policies as have proven rather unworkable to date. The Social Credit movement at least is benevolent in its avowed principles, whereas the Liberals and the Conservatives have as yet neither given any marked evidence of a change of heart in their attitude toward the competitive order, the fosterer of greed, selfishness and a privileged few.

In addition there are evidences of maladjustment on every hand. In this predicament the people everywhere are in quest for the true way out of their quandary. Would not the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule—Divinely sanctioned and time tested—offer the best foundation principles upon which to formulate reasonable policies and to devise practical ways and means for the attainment of righteous objectives?

For Good of All

Again, in an agricultural province what can be more logical than that a farm movement like the U.F.A. should assume at this opportune time the head of the Alberta family of interests in which each should work for the good of all and all for the good of each. This would be co-operation, God's apparent democratic plan for evangelizing the world. If man's co-operation is God's constituted method of showing man his way out of his sin problem, why would not the same be equally effective for man to bring about the solution of his temporal social and economic problems? Perhaps no one denies it, but man lacks sincerity and greater zeal in its application in order that the desired results may be attained.

Finally, under the guidance of time tested and Divinely sanctioned principles and with the leadership and co-operation of earnest, honest, sincere and sagacious men and women—remembering that "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled"—may the U.F.A. and affiliated groups formulate remedial and utilitarian policies and highly resolve to press toward the mark for the high achievement of an Alberta Government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Yours very truly,

B. L. LARSON.

THE RECORD OF THE YEARS

This year will see the thirty-first anniversary of this farmers' company in its present form. In 1907 western farmers put together two farmer owned companies, the Grain Growers Grain Company and the Alberta Farmers Co-operative Elevator Company to form United Grain Growers Limited.

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DANISH FARMER'S VIEW

Mayerthorpe, Alta.

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:

I do appreciate the whole attitude of your paper and its editor. I am not much of a writer, having been schooled in a foreign country (Denmark) but as a citizen of this our good Western Canada I can not help but take interest in the affairs of our country.

First a word of thanks for Mr. Gardiner's clear and much needed Macleod address.

There are even if we are backward or old fashioned, quite a few of us unable to fully endorse a C.C.F. platform, who are quite at a loss where to turn. I am confident if the U.F.A. gives up its individuality as a political factor to the C.C.F. it means another turn of the wheel towards confusion.

Maybe the C.C.F. is too advanced in thought, I do not think so, but I do think any party thinking just a change in system will do away with selfishness, greed, and what have you, making our present and any other system unsatisfactory are fundamentally wrong. It might help to better conditions, but any real change has got to begin with the individual human's attitude towards the system.

Right Kind of Fusion

Fusion, by all means yes, but let it be worthwhile fusion. Do not overlook the fact that there are voters who will mark their ballot for our present Government, poor as it is, rather than risk to support any United Front candidate standing for "sound" business administration and

in reality being something else. It might be expecting too much, but let it be unity for absolute honesty to mutual advantage. The only way to get it is, forgetting past wrongs and rights, to find common ground to stand upon, and nobody is better fit to sponsor this than our U.F.A. If it is not all it should be, it is and will be what we make it.

I was a member of our Local a few years back. At present it is hard to find anything to belong to.

What should the Farmers' Convention do? Make a point of leading the way toward unity and sanity. If not we will keep on drifting, only God knows where.

In conclusion may I extend my best wishes for a happy 1938 and the best of luck to the editor and staff of *The Western Farm Leader*, with thanks from

V. MÖLLERUP.

STRENGTHEN C.C.F. ALLIANCE

Alsike, Alta.

Editor, The Western Farm Leader: What should the farmers' Convention do? There is only one thing it can do in honesty to itself and its members. We are at present affiliated with the C.C.F. to a certain extent and to all logical reasoning the Convention should strengthen that alliance.

All this fusion talk seems to me the "Bunk" and I can express no better opinion than one of your correspondents, "We had better hire a bunch of

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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

The Provincial Legislature will convene February 10th.

Shortage of seed grain for next spring's seeding operations is feared in some quarters.

Reduction of gasoline prices by 1-1/2 cent a gallon has been made by oil companies in Alberta.

If they operated at full capacity, Turner Valley oil wells could produce \$95,265,000 worth of crude oil annually, it is estimated.

There were 1,352 fewer unemployed men registered in Alberta on the last Saturday of December than on the corresponding day in 1936.

Evidence points to suicide of Al Smith, Roslyn farmer, whose body was found in the smouldering ashes of a straw pile on Monday.

An "initial flush production" of about 6,000 barrels a day, the highest in the history of Turner Valley oil field, is reported by Commoil 1 well.

After two days' effort, search was given up on Monday for the body of John Bulyea, young Edmonton man, who was caught by an avalanche while skiing near Lake O'Hara. Not until late spring, it is believed, will recovery of the body be possible.

Although rather less a prince in actual fact than ex-Kaiser Wilhelm is Kaiser, Prince Danylo Skoropadsky was accorded honors due a royal visitor in Calgary and Edmonton, by many of his countrymen, by the mayors of both cities and by Lieutenant-Governor Bowen. The Ukrainian "Prince," who stated that his headquarters were in Berlin, is aiding a movement for the independence of the Ukraine (most of which is now part of the U.S.S.R.), under a monarchy with his father as ruler. He had no hope of this being done by a vote, he said.

Appeals of G. F. Powell and J. H. Unwin, M.L.A., from the sentences imposed by Mr. Justice Ives, will be heard by the Supreme Court of Alberta beginning January 17th.

The Ukrainian "Self Reliance League of Canada" shortly after the visit of Prince Danylo Skoropadsky announced a campaign to raise \$200,000 for an educational centre in Edmonton.

P. H. Wedderburn, for some years assistant director of the Debt Adjustment Board, who previously farmed near Bowell and was long active in the farm movement, died last week at Tees:

A new store will be built and equipped by the Hudson's Bay Company in Edmonton this year, at a cost of about \$1,000,000. The company first started business at Edmonton in 1794.

Development of the William Pearce scheme by the Dominion Government as a work of national importance was advocated by W. Norman Smith, editor of *The Western Farm Leader*, in a recent broadcast.

The second broadcast by John I. McFarland, recently chosen president of the executive council of the Unity Movement in Alberta, will be given at 9:30 p.m., January 14th, over stations CFCN, Calgary; CJCA, Edmonton; CJOC, Lethbridge, CFGP, Grande Prairie.

Under the auspices of the Provincial Social Credit Commission, a course in "social dynamics" will open in the Government Buildings, Edmonton, on January 10th. Lectures will be given by L. D. Byrne, G. F. Powell and G. L. MacLachlan; there will be a fee of \$5, with rebates for attendance.

John Podmoroff, farm hand in the Carseland district, who was sentenced to three months in jail for making and selling liquor, said that he did so to secure food for his family. Police found the home quite destitute, and officials of the Dinton municipality stated they were aware of the case but had no funds to provide relief.

Former premier J. E. Brownlee gave strong denial to a rumor that he would aid John I. McFarland in directing the "Unity" movement in Alberta, and would attempt to influence the U.F.A. to join the movement. "My political allegiance is still entirely with the U.F.A. movement," he said, "but I took no part in the political discussions at the convention last year and have no intention of doing so this year."

DOMINION

Shipment of Canadian cattle to the U.S., under the quota which permits entry of 155,000 head yearly, at the reduced rate of 2 cents a pound duty, commences again this month.

To reimburse the Dominion Government for loans made to the Canadian National Railways, the railway will float a \$50,000,000 bond issue, Finance Minister Dunning announced.

Under Premier Hepburn's new agreements, the publicly-owned Ontario Hydro system will pay Quebec companies \$247,244,000 for electric power. This is ostensibly to help meet the peak loads during the winter, though Sir Adam Beck, at the time of his death, had plans made to erect steam "stand by" plants for this purpose. Such a plant could be built for the cost of the transmission line which will have to be erected, under the Hepburn agreement; and the cost of running such a plant would be about half what the equivalent horsepower will cost, bought from the Quebec corporations.

The Steel Company of Canada had a record year in 1937 in so far as volume of sales is concerned.

The "armaments group" stocks—steel and other base metals—are giving a steadier tone to stock markets in Canada.

Collapse of a coffer dam at Port Stanley, Ontario, caused the death of eight workmen, most of them in their twenties.

The United Church presbytery of Montreal recently passed a resolution re-affirming its opposition to the "padlock law."

Sir George Perley, member of the Borden and Bennett Conservative cabinets, died in Ottawa early Tuesday, at the age of 80.

Prepared to spend \$4,000,000 immediately, half of it for nickel, buyers for the Japanese combine Sumitomo Honsha recently visited Canada.

Canadian Fascists number 80,000 in Montreal, with many more in the West, declared Adrien Arcand, leader of the movement, called "National Social Christian Party" in Quebec and "Canadian Nationalist Party" in the West. He prophesied great expansion for his party this year, and eventual setting up of a corporate state in Canada.

WORLD
Japan is the biggest customer of the Union of South Africa.

The General Motors Corporation laid off 30,000 employees at January 1st.

Unemployed in Sweden now number only 9,577, the lowest figure since 1930.

In New York, while sales of groceries and clothing have gone down, sales of jewellery increased over 23 per cent in the past year.

Dockers at Southampton recently refused to unload a shipload of Japanese toys and silks, and the cargo was returned to Quebec.

Imports and exports of cotton to and from China are practically at a standstill, and weaving mills are operating at only about 25 per cent of capacity.

Thousands of Italian receiving sets distributed in the Near East by Mussolini are now carrying B.B.C. news broadcasts in Arabic, put on to counter Italian anti-British propaganda.

American, German and Italian war munitions were pouring into southern China over the new bridge on the Hong Kong-Canton motor road immediately on its completion New Year's Day.

Convinced that his 17-year-old daughter had eloped and been married, H. H. Bennett, head of the Ford Motor Company's private police force, gave up his theory that she had been kidnapped.

The right of the U.S. Government to make loans and grants for government-owned power plants, challenged by power corporations, was upheld by the Supreme Court in a decision handed down on Monday.

Boycott of both Japanese and German goods was launched this week by the U.S. Army and Navy Union, consisting of World War service veterans and retired officers and men. Moving pictures which give proof of the sinking of the U.S. gunboat *Panay* by Japanese bombing planes and machine-gunning of the crew were a factor in the decision.

TRAINING SCHOOLS DOMINION-WIDE

While the contributor of the article on the Coronation Youth Training School in our last issue stated that these schools are "a part of the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Program," Mr. Cameron has written to point out that it might be possible to infer from one sentence that the schools were confined to Alberta; and further, that adult education originated in this Province.

We suggest that this possibility arose mainly from the insertion by the editor of a parenthetical reference to the Olds school held last summer, the editor having in mind Mr. Cameron's own special adaptation to our own conditions of the Folk School system of Scandinavia. We were not sufficiently explicit, and we understand Mr. Cameron's desire that he should not seem to have been given credit not his due.

The training schools, of course, are Dominion-wide.

EXPRESSES THANKS

We are glad to announce that according to a letter we have received from A. Lunan of Northmark, injured in a recent car accident, he is now making good progress and was expecting to leave hospital when he wrote. He wishes us to express thanks through *The Western Farm Leader* for a beautiful bouquet of two dozen carnations from unidentified donors, with a card reading "From U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals." "As I have already received lovely flowers from my own Local, I am at a loss to know who the donors were."

General Ludendorff, chief of staff in von Hindenburg's army, died recently at the age of 72.

The two big "dime stores" of this continent, Woolworth's and Kresge's, have announced that they will buy no more Japanese goods.

To protect labor standards, Czechoslovakia will restrict entrance of Jewish refugees from Rumania, recently brought under an anti-Jewish dictatorship.

Expressing confidence that the Loyalists will win, Premier Negrin of Spain announced that democracy will be maintained in Spain, on the basis of the 1932 constitution.

Captured by Government forces over two weeks ago, after six days' hard fighting, the northern Spanish town of Teruel is now the objective of a furious Fascist drive.

Sporadic fighting between British troops and Arabs in Palestine has cost several scores of lives, mostly among the Arabs. Strong efforts are being made by the British to stamp out Arab terrorism, believed to be inspired by Fascist propaganda, through the radio and otherwise, against Jews in Palestine and against the British.

Japanese penetration of China continues, Chinese forces proving inadequately equipped to resist their war machine. They have taken Chufu, birthplace of Confucius, and other cities of Shantung Province; have taken Hangchow and advanced into Chekiang Province (south of Shanghai) and captured the northern seaport of Tsingtao. Air attacks on Canton and Hankow have not been notably successful, however.

Capitalism would destroy itself through its own abuses unless these were corrected, said President Roosevelt in his message to Congress on Monday. He endeavored to rally "reputable business interests"—which he said were in the great majority—to support New Deal measures such as wages and hours legislation, his "all-weather" farm bill, and relief measures. Strong defence was necessary in this day of disregard of treaties he said.

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WILL REPRESENT CO-OP. COUNCIL AT CANADA CHAMBER

McKenzie to Attend Ottawa Meet-ing—Council to Act on Land Situation

Alberta Co-operative Council, the Provincial link in the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, will be represented at the annual meeting of the latter body, to be held in Ottawa, January 27th-29th, by W. C. McKenzie, first Vice-President and Director of the live stock division of the Alberta Council. C. Jensen, Magrath, Chairman of the Provincial organization, is the alternative delegate to this national convention.

These selections were made at meet-ing of the directors of the Council, held in Calgary, December 17th.

Measures of Reorganization

It is anticipated that some measure of reorganization will be effected at the forthcoming sessions of the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture. The Alberta Council, although acting as the Chamber's Provincial body, has steadily pressed for the establishing of a Canadian Chamber in two sections one Western and one in the East, with the consolidation of all mutual interests in a central body. By a resolution adopted by the directors at the December meeting, however, the Alberta viewpoint will not be insisted upon, providing a sound and progressive structure is developed on a national basis.

Secretary of the Council, E. W. Brunsden, was chosen as the fraternal delegate of the Council at the Annual Meeting of the United Farmers of Alberta in Edmonton, January 18th-21st.

To Present Sheepmen's Case

The Council's study of the effect of recent reduction in duty on lamb and mutton entering Canada from the Antipodes was furthered at the directors' meeting, and it was decided to seek the presentation of the Alberta sheepmen's position under this tariff reduction, to the Federal Tariff Board while that body is in Calgary holding sittings with respect to the oil industry during the month of January.

While recognizing the merit of a campaign seeking to popularize Canadian lamb as an item of diet, the Council's directors took strenuous objection to current suggestions that such a campaign would minimize the effect of Australian and New Zealand lamb entering Canada, and in the course of the meeting authorities at Ottawa were advised that in the opinion of the Alberta Co-operative Council and its member organizations, the tariff, and not the popularizing of lamb, was the major problem of today in the sheep industry.

It was decided that the Council would place itself in a position to present its members' views on a variety of agricultural problems, should these views not reach the Commission before or during its Alberta sittings. The Council is also engaged in a study of the effect on Western Agriculture of the Anglo-American trade treaty now being negotiated, and will continue its work in this field.

C. Jensen, Chairman of the Council and Director of the Wool Division, presided, and others in attendance were:

N. F. Priestley, Director, Purchase and Distribution of Supplies Division; L. Hutchinson, Director, Grain Division; J. H. Rhodes, Director, Poultry Division; W. C. McKenzie, Director, Live Stock Division.

DIVIDENDS UP

Dividends paid to stockholders by Canadian corporations during 1937 are estimated at a total of over \$305,750,000—the largest amount in the history of the country. Sir Edward Beatty, last November, stated that "private enterprise in this country finds it increasingly difficult to make profit at all."

MAIN SET-BACKS

(Continued from page 1)

and the timber trades, in textile and practically all branches of manufacture the year 1937 has witnessed a pronounced gain over 1936. Expansion in foreign trade and in mining were among the outstanding features of the industrial year.

Big Increase in Mines' Production

The production of Canadian mines reached a total of over 450 million dollars, which was an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year. The output of Canada's gold mines amounted to 142 million dollars, more than ten million above 1936. Old mines kept up their rate of production, while new mines came into operation.

In the metal branch of the industry, which had a total output of 333 million dollars, the production not only of gold, but of copper, lead, nickel, zinc and platinum metals was higher than in any previous year. In the fuel branch of mining, the production of petroleum (mainly from the Alberta fields) amounted to 2,949,000 barrels compared with 1,500,374 barrels in the previous year.

Asbestos production totalled 389,688 tons, about 30 per cent over the 1936 figure. As in the case of nickel, Canada stands far in the lead among the nations of the world in the production of asbestos, Rhodesia being the main rival. Mining has now reached a very important place in the industrial life of Canada, and no one would

venture an estimate of the extent of the development of this industry in the future.

Outlook for 1938

What of the industrial outlook for 1938? There is always the uncertain factor of troubles abroad. There is also the natural anxiety as to how the industrial trend will be in the United States. Apart from the general effect of United States conditions on Canada, industries like newsprint depend very largely on markets in that country. The outlook in the United Kingdom seems bright. This will be favorable for our agricultural exports to that market. The new trade treaties will doubtless be a factor in our export trade to the old country, as will be the new selling campaign in that market. There will be our new treaty with the United States affecting our trade across the border. Our growing Dominion revenues, pressuring an early balancing of the budget, help to clear the industrial atmosphere. The country has its domestic problems, some of them heavy, problems of transport, unemployment, etc., but in spite of this there is nothing in the domestic set-up to prevent a continuance of our industrial expansion.

Japan has reached a very important place in the world's cotton industry, having the third largest number of spindles and ranking second in the quantity of cotton consumed. It ranks first in cotton cloth exported.

Held Over for Benefit of Our Correspondents

In order to provide opportunity to our readers to express their views on the subject "What Should the Farmers' Convention Do?", in the Forum appearing in this issue, it has been necessary to hold over the regular installment of "Castaways of Plenty" until our next.

The number will be published during middle of the week of the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. This newspaper will be represented at the press table, and we hope to give to our readers an account of the early stages of the Convention, at which the important matters raised by our many correspondents in this issue will be decided.

An average reduction of 34.76 per cent in debts aggregating \$21,538,909 has been made under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act in Saskatchewan.

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soon be along and I wanted to tell you how well the three Siberian crabs, received as a premium last spring, took hold of the ground here. They seemed not to feel that they had been transplanted. One sometimes wonders how others manage, as there are numberless reasons that lead us to feel that western farmers cannot afford to do without the *Farm Leader*."—(Mrs.) Josephine Kilpatrick, Legend.

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CHANCE EPISODES WHICH HAVE AFFECTED HISTORY

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

Possibly you remember that in a recent letter I was speaking of Winifred Holtby saying she disliked "Questions" but she realized they were there to be faced. She then mentioned several of the social questions which must be satisfactorily settled before we can have happiness and justice in society. She went on to say that the parts played in solving them may be very different and some may seem rather a remote approach. She instanced two or three, I remember, compiling statistics, or writing articles or addressing meetings or something like that.

I remember also that she wrote on one occasion of going to address a meeting on the League of Nations. She commented that probably there would be more there who were interested in whether the rain was going to harm their hats, or whether Mrs. Thus-and-So had cut them, or some things on a par with that rather than in the League. Still she persisted in her work, remarking that one never knew when a thought would take root and grow and blossom. Also she said public opinion was built up by one person telling another, and that one another and so on until eventually the outcome was a definite public opinion.

Lives of Two Notable Men

I could not but recall her remarks this week in two instances when I was reading of the lives of two prominent men, both of whom had made a notable contribution to society's efforts for social justice. One was in regard to Ramsay MacDonald. There are, of course, those who have very scant regard for him. The majority, however, I imagine, even though they regret the part he played in the later part of his life, feel he made a great contribution to the work of the Labor Party in his early working in the party.

By the way, it may be a strange thing that the greatest service he will render us in this Province at the present time is that of pointing out a political course in his later political career we may do well to avoid.

The article I have in mind spoke of his having to leave school and begin work in Lossiemouth at the age of twelve. Then it went on and added, "A stray copy of Henry George's 'Progress and Poverty' found its way into the village at a time when agricultural Scotland was having hard times and hatred of landlordism was taking root. It planted the seeds that made a socialist out of MacDonald." What a harvest from the action of passing on that book!

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Steamed Cranberry Pudding: Cream 1/4 cup butter with 3/4 cup sugar and stir in 2 beaten eggs. Sift 2 cups flour with 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder, a little salt and 1/3 cup milk; blend two mixtures; add 1 cup cranberries and 1 cup chopped Brazil nuts. Steam 3 hours.

Cranberry Conserve: 4 cups cranberries, 1 cup water, 1 cup nut meats, 1 cup seeded raisins, 2-1/2 cups sugar, 1 sliced orange. Cook cranberries in water until they stop popping; rub through a sieve and add other ingredients, cooking for 15 minutes.

Apple Snow: Fold into 2 stiffly beaten egg whites 1 cup sweetened applesauce. Serve with a custard sauce made of the egg yolks, 1 cup scalded milk, 1/4 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

Scrunches: 2 cups fine oatmeal, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 cup shredded coconut, 1-1/2 tablespoons golden syrup, 1/2 cup butter, 1 teaspoon soda. Mix all the dry ingredients. Heat butter and syrup; stir in soda and continue stirring until it foams; add dry ingredients. Press into buttered tins and cook in a slow oven about 20 minutes. When almost cold cut into squares.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

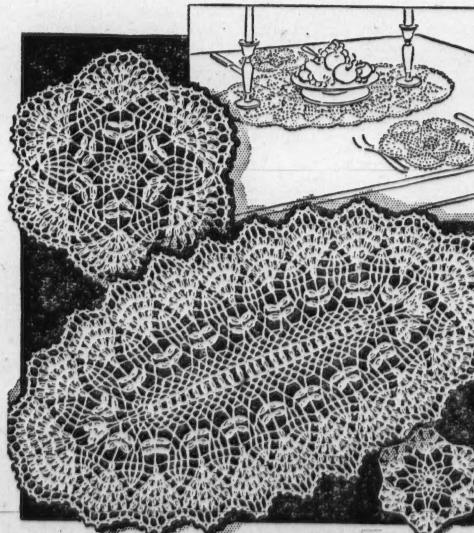
Mrs. Jessie Umscheid, retiring secretary, was elected president of Milo U.F.W.A. at the annual meeting and Mrs. May Bertrand is the new secretary.

Members of Carbon Local, living far apart, find it difficult to meet during the winter, writes Mrs. R. A. Bell, secretary but "are all real U.F.W.A. members."

Arrowwood U.F.W.A. held 17 meetings last year, with an average attendance of nearly 22. Their officers are Mrs. D. W. House, Mrs. M. H. Ward, Mrs. Grace Stull and Mrs. John Williams.

Mrs. D. Hughes, Mrs. W. R. McGowan and Mrs. E. J. Walker are the

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SISTERS IN AFFLICITION

Just what will this brand new year bring me?—

And you since your lot is like mine?

To what heights of joy will it swing me?

To what depths of sorrow incline?

My own private crystal I gaze in

But don't see a thing new or strange

o hopes I would not care to raise in

My heart of a change.

Some thousand-odd meals I'll be spreading

Before the year reaches its close!

Some thousand-odd loaves I'll be kneading!

On fifty-two days I'll wash clothes!

A mileage of darning and mending Will wind through my life as of yore!

I'll follow up chores never-ending

On feet that are sore!

Yes, oceans and oceans of churning!

And acres and acres of pie!

My lane, overdue for a turning,

Confronts me as straight as a die!

But taking out troubles to air them

Is apt to encourage their growth.—

It's better to grin and just bear them—

For you and me both!

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

officers for East Vegreville U.F.W.A. this year. They are holding regular meetings, the bulletins and reviews from Central Office being read and discussed.

A very successful year, both in point of new members and financially, is reported by Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. of Scandia. Their new officers are Mrs. A. M. Peterson, Mrs. A. Giles and Mrs. G. A. Anderson; the retiring president, Mrs. A. T. Johnson, will be their delegate.

Interest has been well maintained during the past year, reports Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. In addition to dealing with the bulletins and book reviews, the Local have heard interesting talks from Miss Clemens, on education, A. G. Andrews on international affairs, Dr. Murry and Mrs. Austin Clemens.

Preceded by a chicken supper and concluding with a dance, the annual meeting of Roseleaf U.F.W.A., near Blackfalds, was a very enjoyable affair. Mrs. E. R. Ironside, Mrs. W. Schmidt and Mrs. P. Schmidt were elected officers for the year, and it was decided to hold a dance to raise funds for delegates' expenses to the Annual Convention.

Though sickness and bad roads have interfered with Floral U.F.W.A. activities, near Crossfield, they are sending a delegate to the Annual Convention. They made about \$35 from catering for the Legion Armistice Dance. They have elected no president this year, but are choosing different members to preside over the monthly meetings in turn; Mrs. G. Wickerson and Mrs. L. Ableman are vice-presidents, Mrs. A. Montgomery secretary and Mrs. H. Robinson treasurer.

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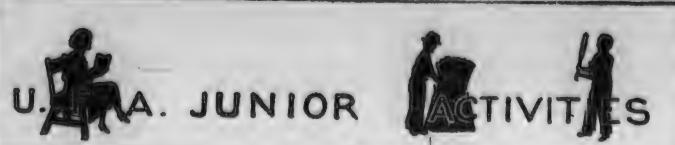
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MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE ALBERTA YOUTH CONGRESS

By W. RUNTE, Wetaskiwin

In giving this brief summary of my impressions of the Youth Congress, I want it understood that this is not intended to be a report of the Congress as this would be impossible in the available space. I hope, however, that as a Junior to Juniors I will be able to give you a personal glimpse at the Congress and arouse your interest to the point where you will wish to arrange to have a Congress delegate report to you.

Most Valuable Feature

To me the meeting of 134 delegates representing no fewer than 24 Youth Movements was the most important and valuable feature of the Congress. Visualize Junior U.F.A., United Church Young People, Young Baptists, Young Conservatives, Young Liberals, etc., all gathered in convention discussing problems of youth in an unbiased manner and fitting themselves to carry whatever responsibilities society may place upon them.

Think of the Young Conservative leader quoting from an address by the Young Communist Secretary (to lend appeal and vigor to a report), and you will realize just how broadminded these delegates must have been. Compare this then with the way those in responsible positions and those aspiring to be leaders of our government conduct themselves, where one group opposes any suggestion (be it good or evil) made by the other group just for the sake of opposing; when long speeches are being made which have not a constructive idea in them and citizens are being asked to join one group for the express purpose of opposing the other. I am sure you will appreciate the importance of having the youth of the Province meet in common convention for constructive discussion when you realize just what it will mean to the meaning and success democracy in the future.

Junior U.F.A.'s Contribution

The Junior U.F.A., although having only 14 delegates, had the second largest representation and made an important contribution to the congress also demonstrating the important role that the Junior U.F.A. has played and will continue to play in the destiny of our Province. No Junior member could have helped but be thrilled by the way our own President, Miss Archibald, presided over the committee on rural problems and the opening banquet. To my knowledge the Junior U.F.A. is the only organization with a 25-year age limit; therefore our President is younger than any other group leader; but all will agree with me that none could have conducted the sessions more ably nor closed the Congress in better form than did Miss Archibald.

Many of the Congress findings are things which the Junior U.F.A. members have been discussing and advocating for several years, such as Wheat Board, Health Clinics, etc. Other measures, such as provision of libraries, national training, etc., have been carried on in a small way by the Juniors for several years.

How Others Regard Us

No doubt many of you will wonder how our organization is regarded by other Youth groups, and from personal observation I would say that other groups not only appreciate what we have done and are doing, but regard us as the rural Youth movement and would like to see us strengthen our forces. I would like to leave that as a challenge to all farm young people. If you are a member try to get other

young people to join; if you are not a Junior U.F.A. member, then by all means become one now, and when the next Alberta Youth Congress is held, be sure and have your district represented at this important gathering.

Before closing I would like to express on behalf of the Junior U.F.A., our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for the use of this space in their valuable paper and in doing so would urge all Junior Directors to use it. I would also like to express my personal appreciation to them for the opportunity of greeting you all through this medium and extend to them as well as to my many friends, personal good wishes for 1938.

Junior News Items

Lethbridge Junior Local was organized recently with fifteen paid-up members.

Turnip Lake Junior Local was organized recently by Helen Breckenridge and Carl Unterschultz, with Stanley and Harry Wiglesworth as officers.

Peggy Wolferstan, who recently returned from a trip to England and Ireland, gave a very interesting talk on her trip, to Alix Junior U.F.A. at their December meeting.

Clover Bar Progressives re-elected to office at their annual meeting Garnet Marler, president, Mabel Boorse, secretary and Kenneth Allan, treasurer. Mrs. Roy Marler is supervisor.

"News of the world's workers" was the roll-call topic at the last meeting of Willow Springs Juniors, who have elected a committee to plan the winter's activities. These began with a sleighing party last month, and a New Year dance.

Gordon Andersen, W. Mohaden, George Shelanko and Norma Coyne were elected officers of the new Eight Mile Junior Local, near Lethbridge. Leonard McKenzie of Lethbridge is supervisor.

Following a meeting which included addresses by R. M. McCool, Wm. Nixon and Carl Unterschultz, and a showing of moving pictures, Waspire young people formed themselves into a Junior Local, with Metro Franchuk and Joseph Shemanski as officers.

Federal Juniors at their annual meeting elected Alastair McRae president, Muriel Charter vice-president and Hilda Thornton secretary. Wesley Thring is editor of their "Junior Journal." They also elected social, literary and dance committees. At the previous meeting they had a good paper on dramatics and an interesting report on the youth training school held at Coronation.

Beddington Juniors presented "For Pete's Sake" to an audience of about three hundred recently, net receipts totalling about \$90. The cast included Helen Bushfield, Edith Burwash, Winifred Evans, Nellie Barker, Frances Lewis, June Evans, Ken Fraser, Colin Fraser, Jack Evans, Donald Burwash, Stewart Young and Harold Bushfield. The play was directed by Mrs. Hugh Bushfield, Mrs. Harold Bushfield and W. Evans.

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chartered accountants after a competitive examination."

Illogical and Unnecessary

What do all these "Fusion Parties" stand for? As I see it they represent practically everything that this organization has been opposed to in politics for the last 29 years and for the Convention to "about face" now, just for the privilege of trying to beat a reactionary party of another name in the next election is both illogical and unnecessary as under our present system of voting with the preferential ballot even if every progressive entered candidate of their own, one of them would be elected in any constituency where the progressive strength is large enough to win on a 2-way vote, providing the public is sufficiently educated in marking the ballot.

And therefore I think that any farmers' movement would be further advanced both in politics and principles by more public education along these lines than by any political propaganda that can be engineered by any possible "Fusion" to beat the present Government, or any government for that matter, as without a majority of progressive public opinion, a political majority with a fancy name attached will not get us anything.

H. SAUBAK,

Secretary, Strawberry Local, 120.

AGAINST POLITICAL ACTION

Olds, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*: In reading through your *Western Farm Leader* I was much interested in several letters, but most of all in one on page 13—"Why Organize?"

I quite agree with the writer's statement (and especially if he has taken the U.F.A. for a criterion), that intelligent men are turning away from it, but he does not give a solution to that problem.

Perhaps he has not been long in Alberta. I have had some little experience in this Province; I homesteaded here in 1891. And the most I can say for organization is, it has proved a failure. On the other hand Co-operation properly carried out has been a success; and one reason is farmers as a body are hard to get to stay together. I say this through having had quite a little experience along this line, having been a shipper of livestock for the farmers.

Debt Increased

And again I kept watch of their doings for fourteen years in office at Edmonton, debt augmenting right along, and after all that time they would still have gone on borrowing if they had not been put out of office.

Now Sir, it was not the most intellectual class of the U.F.A. that helped to put them out of office. But it was the men that had been doing some hard thinking, and had come to the conclusion there needed a change. I was in contact with quite a few of the intellectuals and they could not understand when I told them their members all had to come out at the election, but I proved true.

Unity Needed for Strength

Still they have not learned the great lesson, that you must have unity for strength, also you cannot borrow yourself out of debt. And so long as the U.F.A. dabbles in politics they will never be a strong body.

Only pause a moment and think. Hunger works two ways; while it weakens the body it sharpens the intellect. And again, I will tell you something that you may not believe, but it's truth. So long as the U.F.A. play Bo-peep with the C.C.F. they will get nowhere. I consider that the worst of all parties, and it is 53 years since I attended my first political meeting. I want to be constructive to be of service. If you want to build yourselves up into a strong body, get behind Wm. Aberhart, our worthy Premier; ask him to put over what is on the schedule at Edmonton and you will be doing the world a great service.

Co-ops for Both Producers and Consumers

GREENVILLE, Ill. — Recently meeting here for their twenty-seventh annual convention, members of the National Equity Union urged the organization of co-operative associations for both producers and consumers. The resolution reads:

"Be it resolved, that this twenty-seventh National Equity Union Convention go on record as favoring a friendly co-operative relationship between all producer co-operatives and consumer co-operative associations. That the National Equity Union as a producer co-operative association, seeing the great need of a better relationship between its producer members and the consumer, believes there should be a co-operative program for the benefit of all members of either type of association."

Now you will say you are advising us to keep out of politics and then you say get behind Aberhart, what kind of logic is that? It is this: Social Credit is non-political. We have all creeds, but it had to be worked through Edmonton. And again, the intellectuals of the U.F.A. made a great mistake when they turned it down.

Why I say get behind him, is this. At the present time you are a stumbling block in front. Now scripture tells us to remove the stumbling blocks, clean up the waste places. You may not think me a true prophet but you will see it come to pass (Social Credit). Your average membership for 28 years is not high but it might be worse. Had you been guided right in 1935 you would have doubled your membership by now in my humble opinion.

We have an intelligent, well informed and hard working farming class of people in Alberta. Let us fall in and help them co-operate, Sir. You asked for letters from all classes of people. I read your paper.

Yours respectfully,

R. G. HARDING.

MONKEY WRENCH IN WORKS

Didsbury, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*: Sometime ago it looked as if the People's League was doing a fairly good job, of amalgamating the different political factions of Alberta together, but "alas" I am afraid E. L. Gray has thrown a monkey wrench into the works. It is a pity they cannot get together, and run Alberta on a business basis instead of a political basis.

The "man in the street" is tired of the old political parties. The U.F.A. had the chance of their lives, but made a real failure the last term of their reign. The C.C.F. reminds one of a weak fly crawling up a wall and falling back. They will never get anywhere—not in Canada.

Where Do We Go From Here?

I have been a resident of this fair Alberta of ours, for over 40 years, and have watched the different Governments since 1905, they have all been tried and found wanting.

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Conclusion of READERS' FORUM ON FARMERS' CONVENTION ISSUES

MONKEY WRENCH (Continued from page 11)

ment is sanity and economy of administration, but we are getting neither these days. So what? I say start from the bottom again, the only way to get anywhere is to keep trying. Form the People's League as a political party (or I would much rather say a business party) and any other party that likes to join in; but it is up to the rank and file of Alberta to think a little more for themselves than heretofore, and not be led away by the leaders of the old parties like sheep. That also applies to the U.F.A. at their coming convention.

We are ridiculously over governed. Cut the M.L.A.'s down to 17, one for each Federal Constituency, and cut the Federal M.P.'s down to six. The voice of the six would go just as far as the 17 M.P.'s at present, thereby saving around \$140,000 per year. This money could be put to much better use, because it is the people who are nearly down to the gopher and gunny sack stage who have to dig most of it up.

J. HOSEGOOD.

IF WE HAD UNIFIED CO-OP'S.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Our organization has once again reached the crossroads and many members are wondering which way to take. They are looking for guidance from our leaders, and if they will only forget self, even to making sacrifices, we the common people need have little fear for the future of our great cause.

In a democracy governments can only act when the majority of the people are ready to go forward, and progress can only be made by the power of reason. We learn to do things by doing them, and by our results are we judged.

At one time we were inclined to boast on how we had raised the citizenship of the people of this Province, and perhaps the jolt we got was necessary to make us see more clearly. Or is it a plague that is sweeping the world to defy all laws and morals which this Province has caught.

One must admit our political movement did much good while in office. One thing they did was purify the civil service, only to be wrecked because the people were not ready for purification.

Like Map of Europe

The point I am most interested in is, could we have done better by unifying our co-operative movement; by all having concentrated on same. If we could visualize our co-operative movement as it is today, we would see a picture somewhat akin to the map of Europe, each little group trying to take advantage for purely selfish reasons. Co-operation in no sense means taking advantage, but on the other hand is an ethical way of dealing with our fellowman.

I am inclined to think had we concentrated on co-operation we might be able at this date to gaze upon a great structure, training our youth to respect laws and working for a goal in view.

Though I lean towards going out of politics, I would still keep political thought in the foreground of our movement, commanding respect by our strength from any legislative member, or even using our strength to get the best representative nominated; but as my views lean to socialism, (though at heart I am an Equitist) I cannot bring myself to believe that joining forces with the old capitalistic parties will advance our cause, but on the other hand I see a repetition of the late MacDonald "National Government" fusion which would take many years to overcome.

Yours truly,

B. C. LEES.

TOLERATION ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

Czar, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Considering some of the fundamentals to be decided by the forthcoming U.F.A. Convention, I would state first: Our work and education through the past years in our local organization has been based on true democracy. The first law of common decency and the essence of democracy is toleration of your neighbor's opinion. Having a right to one's opinion is like having the "measles", you can not have it yourself unless you give it to someone else.

Submit Gracefully to Majority

There is no hard and fast rule why we should all agree; too much harmony has a stagnant creating and retarding influence on progressive thought, but it is absolutely essential we gracefully submit to the rule of the majority.

W. H. Shield's comment in the last issue is a contribution denoting a background of practical experience. In reality we learn to do by doing but I can not help but agree with L. V. Macklin on the subject of public education. Under a competitive system, we live under that constant fear of everybody for themselves and the devil take the hindmost. No wonder the rank and file of the farmers are inclined to apply as a panacea for all their economic troubles—"tighten your belt and work another hour," regardless of its being contrary to sound logical ethics, and of its chaotic results.

Should Be Powerful Force

We apply all our backbone to production and mostly wishbone to an equitable distribution when we could and should be the most powerful force in Canada once we were consolidated and properly organized. Our apathetic and complacent attitude has brought Fascism to our door. There is no use blinking our eyes at the fact.

The issue before us is Fascism versus Democracy. If Democracy is to be our basis of government with its principles in our institutions, some definite policy has to be adopted. Our forefathers fought and died for Democratic principles. Are we unable to appreciate its liberties? and please let us bear in mind it is necessary in instituting Fascism to control and regiment Agriculture and Labor, the two instruments whereby most wealth is created.

Easiest Road to Fascism

The easiest way to accomplish this is to get one to oppose and fight against the other. We as citizens are going to make our contributions as instruments one way or another. Let us take stock of ourselves and our position. From an educational standpoint are we becoming reactionary? The time has arrived to broaden out (instead of narrowing down) without fear or favor.

A. L. DANIELSON.

STRESS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

Bindloss, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

I wish to take advantage of the opportunity to discuss what the Convention should do.

We always tried to make our organization democratic and worked from the ground up. Under pressure of the depression and adverse crop conditions, the members have drifted apart into three groups—Radicals, Conservative farmers and Social Creditors. According to my observations the last named group, generally speaking, only supported our association when it was to their economic advantage to do so, but took no responsibility for making a success of things.

One of our problems is to get Radicals and Conservatives working together again. Failing to be as aggressive as we ought to be, we turn to governments to help us out and so the resolutions submitted are asking them to do this and do that.

A writer on agricultural economics said it was unfortunate that when farm people had an organization they had no leaders and when they had leaders they had no organization. We have had and have both. One of the things they should do at the Convention is to keep us half-hearted members from making the Convention a political farce.

Time for Economic Questions

Another thing I suggest is to give proper time to economic questions, such as Wheat Pool, Co-operative Marketing of farm products, Co-operative Buying, Junior U.F.A., encouragement of a higher standard of entertainment in rural districts (plays, chautauquas like Manitoba, concerts, lectures, etc.), education, farm financing and co-operative farming. And for goodness' sake better Local meetings.

Also, of course, will be time for discussion of the political question. In this connection I think the Convention should mind its own business and say nothing of People's League or Social Credit.

The Convention should go out of politics, but recommend the reorganization of Provincial and Federal district associations to stand on their own feet. (I submitted this to local U.F.A. district association and they cut off the last part of the proposal, the idea being to leave the political movement to the C.C.F.).

I don't think we ought to turn it over to the C.C.F. until we are a higher type of citizens. A report from Ottawa said Mr. Woodsworth was still respected but no longer feared. I understand one of the reasons for the respect shown him is because of his strict adherence to principle. There are not enough of us like Mr. Woodsworth, if there were the C.C.F. would get more votes.

The Convention should try to set a good example to the Junior U.F.A.'s. The example we set for them in rural districts is tragic. It is a man's and woman's job to raise the standard of living on Alberta farms and in this year of 1937-38 it would be well for us to take the advice of a weekly newspaper south of Calgary, "Before you throw your tongue into high be sure your brain is turning over." It is all right to have the young people taught more of the new and less of the old but don't let us pass the buck to them; it won't work anymore than Sunday schools brought Christianity.

I don't think the Convention ought

to spend too much time talking about a new social order, changing the system and a co-operative commonwealth. It ought to look around and see where we members can do more to practise what we preach.

J. D. ROGERS.

WOULD AMEND CONSTITUTION

R.R.1 Barons, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

At our meeting on December 11th we discussed the political situation as it is today in Alberta and the discussion took up the whole evening, by all members of the Local. At the conclusion the members unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas, according to our Constitution, we are not allowed to co-operate with other groups in the nomination of candidates, and

Whereas, we feel that co-operation by the people who have the welfare of the Province at heart has never been more urgent;

Be it therefore resolved that we the members of Bulmer Local U.F.A. No. 55 unanimously go on record to favor that the Constitution be amended so that we can co-operate as an organization instead of as individuals.

ED. ANDERSON,
President.

SUPPORT PEARCE SCHEME

Donaldalda, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Your request for letters stating our opinion on public affairs in the Provincial field mainly, has been noted and it struck me that I should give you mine with the others.

The William Pearce Scheme I think is a very good one. It has struck me very forcibly as I have travelled through Saskatchewan and Alberta dried out areas, and seen the large amount of river water flowing away to the ocean, that if this great amount of water could have been dammed up and used for irrigation purposes it would have been better than a gold mine to our people.

In regard to party politics I am of the opinion that they all are faulty more or less. The main thing to my mind is that we can get men in the government who are men! I mean men who will do the right thing! But this involves so much to clarify that if I should begin to explain it letter would likely not be what I would call brief.

If we can get men in to our Government who will stand solidly on the word of God and seek Grace, Wisdom and Power from God like Daniel and his companions in Babylon, then there is hope for better times. Other ways there is no hope. Please mark my words.

Yours very truly,
E. KNUDSON.

"UNITY RACKET"

Midnapore, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

"All that the traffic can bear," the National motto for which, those high priests of Capitalism, the "Big-Shots" stand on guard is the philosophy on which they base their dealings with their fellowmen.

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we are being (economically) killed and plucked.

If the truth be known, those who put themselves forward as the ostensible head and front of the People's League are but the (very thin) stalking-horses for Canada's first and ablest citizen who can be seen plainly through the screen.

This, incidentally, is the explanation of the hasty *volte face* of Mr. E. L. May, after being "put wise" by General Minister Gardner; obviously the only change he wants is a Liberal one. Following "great expectations" the earstwhile mighty lion becomes but a museum specimen, stuffed with straw.

Some of us think (judging by events) that only just a very few of the Ginger Group truly represented and stood for U.F.A. principles (that is after the first few years). Most of these have stayed put.

With all the world in a tail-spin, that all Leftists should achieve immunity from the prevailing epidemic, was not to be expected though some are still "faithful to the salt."

Nevertheless, all Leftists should know by now that, whereas the chief characteristic of the North American Continent is the superlative urge for the Dollar; it follows in natural sequence that the wealthy, powerful and privileged (who use unlimited high-pressure) are in excellent agreement with the greedy axiom of might light, which if properly applied squeezes the weak to extinction.

The People's League is the exact opposite to what it is cracked up to be.

H. F. W. GREENHILL.

CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE*(Continued from page 5)*

of education in co-operative principles.

This applies in my judgment to both producer and consumer co-operation. It takes time to reap the fruits of organization, especially when masses of people are affected and over sparsely settled areas. People who look for dividends on co-operative buying within the first few weeks of starting their enterprise are lacking in economic knowledge and make very poor human material upon which to build any permanent structure of co-operative organization. On the other hand: "Seeing is believing," and nothing so convinces a dubious and hard-pressed community of consumers of the value of co-operative action in supplying

needs as to have proof given by the successful enterprise operating under conditions similar to their own.

Shifts in economic arrangements are constantly taking place, however, and step by step with successful demonstration of the value of co-operative practice must go education in the validity of co-operative principles. He who knows that the thing he is doing is right, that it is fundamentally square with the nature of things, is inoculated against the disappointment and discouragement which when cherished plans are frustrated overtake those not so fortified. In hundreds of Alberta rural communities are men and women many of them members of our farm organization, who, though subject to the vicissitudes of crop failure and low prices, with their unhappy consequences in debt and pov-

STRONG WHEAT MARKET

The new year opened with a display of strength in the wheat market, the cash One Northern passing the \$1.50 mark and the May future reaching up to \$1.26. A number of reasons were cited for the price rally, among them being President Roosevelt's speech to Congress, assembled in regular session, which was construed as "bullish" by the trade. It was not explained how a "bullish" construction could be put upon the speech save when the president stated the budget could not balance for the next fiscal year. This may be construed as suggesting an inflationary development.

The orthodox explanation seemed to be that wheat statistics indicated a fairly tight situation. Canada and Argentina, usually great reservoirs of wheat at this time of year, have very little millable wheat to spare. This is particularly true of Canada. Argentina cannot possibly figure very largely in the overseas market for another eleven months. The pressure of selling from Australia has subsided somewhat. The only country now with any large surplus available for international trade is the United States, and it will take strong prices to induce increased exports from there.

Canadian wheat prices are very high compared with world wheat prices. Our One Northern is now at a premium of 52c a bushel over Australian wheat, 40c a bushel over Argentinian Rosafe and 44c over United States hard winters. It must be admitted that these are substantial premiums.

It is possible, of course, that speculation in Canada may be drummed up to a feverish pitch because of the unusual scarcity of supplies in the Dominion. The danger of such a policy is the inevitable reaction which will cause substantial losses. Europe thinks that needed supplies can be obtained in various parts of the world and the use of substitutes for wheat is expanding on that continent today. This is particularly true of Germany where the production of potatoes in 1937 reached an all-time record.

Visible supplies of wheat in Canada at the end of 1937 totalled only 57,378,000 bushels. It is not long since the carryover at the end of the crop year totalled double that figure.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS,
Jan. 4th, 1938—The cattle market is rather slow and prices have been holding barely steady with an indication of weakness in spots. Good butcher

steers are \$5 to \$5.50, common to medium \$3 to \$4.50; good to choice heifers \$3.75 to \$4.50; good cows \$3 to \$3.25; cappers and cutters \$1.25 to \$1.75; bulls \$1.50 to \$2.50. The stocker and feeder market is slow with good kinds from \$3.50 to \$4; others \$3.25 down. Good to choice calves are \$6 to \$7. The hog market has been unsettled with selects \$8.25; bacon \$7.75 and butchers \$7.25, off trucks. Lambs are quoted from \$6.25 down; yearlings \$4 down and ewes \$3 down.

Determination Persists and Grows

In conclusion we can truthfully say that despite many failures the determination to continue on the co-operative road persists and grows. Successful demonstrations of co-operative organization are being made; attention is being paid by many powerful agencies to the spread of proper knowledge of co-operative principles; and though the people of our towns and cities may continue to lag behind in this effort to build society on firm and true foundations, it may well be that the farmers of Alberta will yet bring to harvest the sowing of the years.

In an article of this length it is impossible to deal satisfactorily with the facts and figures of the Co-operative Movement or to discuss the complications which have entered into the co-operative scene in Alberta in the course of the past twenty or more years. Some of these things will doubtless be the subject of discussion at the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in Edmonton this month. A keen interest in co-operation has long been maintained by many delegates to U.F.A. Conventions.

Automobile Accidents

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

A NUMBER of enquiries have been received during the past few weeks seeking information about the liability for accidents due to motor car or motor truck collisions.

This is a particularly difficult branch of law on which to give any general advice, because in the first place there is usually such a conflict of evidence between the parties and the witnesses and in the second place there are so many ways in which the accident may happen, involving a consideration of the rules of driving as well as the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act respecting travel on the highway.

A number of typical cases, however, referred to in this and a few succeeding articles, may be of some assistance. With the great increase in highway traffic, this branch of law is rapidly becoming of very great importance.

Owners of Horses and Cattle

Several inquiries have come from different parts of the Province as to the liability of owners of horses and cattle at large on the highway, which have been struck by cars or trucks, resulting in damage to the livestock or the car or both. Generally the car comes off second best in the mix up.

I had occasion to deal with this type of accident in a previous article. Having regard to the number of inquiries of this type, possibly some mention of the responsibility should again be made.

Law Not Entirely Clear

The law is as yet not in the clearest position owing to somewhat conflicting opinions between the Courts of Alberta and Saskatchewan under somewhat different wording of the respective Domestic Animals Acts. A decision of at least one judge in this Province, however, places the first burden of responsibility on the owner of animals running at large on the highway.

The majority of the municipal districts have passed by-laws making it illegal for animals to run at large. These by-laws were undoubtedly first framed to protect the crops of adjacent land owners. One court in this Province, however, following certain Ontario decisions, has held that where animals are at large, contrary to a

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CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 4th, 1938—The cattle market is steady with no undue activity. Good to choice butcher steers \$4.50 to \$5, common to medium \$2.50 to \$4; good to choice heifers \$4 to \$4.50, common to medium \$2.50 to \$3.75; good cows \$2.75 to \$3; good bulls \$2.50 to \$3, common \$1.75 to \$2. The hog market is unsettled with prospects lower and there were not sufficient local sales on the sheep and lamb market to establish quotations. Good to choice veal calves are \$4.25 to \$5.50.

Milk and Cream Prices**Calgary and Edmonton**

There has been a slight strengthening in the Eastern markets with Toronto being quoted at 30-1/2, Montreal 30-3/8 and Winnipeg 29. The local market is unchanged at 30c with special grade butterfat at 26c. City milk is \$2.35 per cwt. Calgary and \$2.23 Edmonton for 3.6 butterfat. Table cream is 32c at both Calgary and Edmonton. Although the market has been rather quiet it has taken on added strength.

municipal by-law, the owner is responsible for any damage to a car resulting from a collision unless as in that case he can prove negligence on the part of the driver.

Advantage With Driver

As these accidents usually happen at night, it may be very hard for the owner of the animals to prove such negligence on the part of the driver of the car, so that the advantage lies with the latter. As the term "running at large" refers to animals that are not under the charge of some person, it will be seen that it covers the case of animals that have broken through a fence.

In the face of this decision therefore, a special responsibility is thrown on the owners of livestock to keep them off the highway and if they are grazing on land adjacent to the highway, to see that fences are in good repair. Otherwise they may awaken some fine morning to face a claim for damages because a horse or cow has disputed the right of way with a car.

Collision Between Cars

In the case of a collision between cars, the first thing a lawyer wants is a careful and detailed statement of facts and then he considers whether his client has observed the usual rules of the road. Happy is the lawyer whose client has observed these rules and can at the same time present him with a minute statement of all the facts. Space will only permit me to say in this article—"Observe the safety first rules." Especially if no insurance is carried, the owner of a car can be ruined financially through an accident if he has been driving carelessly or negligently.

We are not as careful in this country as we should be—not as careful about the rules of the road as in countries where the traffic is much heavier. A car driven at high speed has tremendous capacity for damage. A driver therefore can not be too careful about learning and observing the rules of the road.

Check Up All Details

Then if you are so unlucky as to be in an accident, be very careful to check up on all the facts and details there and then: How fast were you driving; what time of the day; was the visibility good or bad; where was your car on the road; how far from the side of the road; the position of the two cars after the collision; what damage was done to each car; what witnesses were there; what was said by the driver of the other car, etc., etc. In the conflict of evidence which may follow, this care may be money in your pocket.

As a New Year's wish, I hope all readers of this article will keep out of accidents this year; but they do happen. There are probably more cases in court from such accidents than from any other cause—So be careful!

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Nine new network commercials from "across the border," ring in the year 1938 with a jamboree of entertainment that will find complete acclaim among CFAC listeners. Each and every feature is ablaze with names international in favor and established "tops" in listeners' choice.

Among these are the "Jell-O Program" with Jack Benny and the "Kraft Music Hall" starring Bing Crosby. Benny, in a last year poll, was rated number one comedian of the airwaves, while Crosby (Harry Lillis, to be mean about it!) has long been recognized as the master among crooners, and to-day rates one on the highest places in nation popularity. Both these men, distinctly different in appeal yet universal in their respective fields, hold radio audiences known to be second to none.

The "Jell-O Program" will be heard each Sunday afternoon over CFAC at 5:00 o'clock, this being the early network release and "Kraft Music Hall" is scheduled for each Thursday evening, 8:00 to 9:00 o'clock.

OPEN TO MISINTERPRETATION

The hostess had trouble in getting Mr. Harper to sing. After the song had been given she came up with a smiling face to her guest and made the ambiguous remark:

"Now, Mr. Harper, you must never tell me again that you cannot sing—I know now!"

NOBLESSE OBLIGE

"How dare you swear before my wife?" said the indignant husband. "I'm very sorry, sir," replied the other man. "I was unaware your wife wished to swear first."

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY
Hello, Folks!

We see by the papers that Doc Manion, former member of the Bennett Government, wants relief recipients taken off the voters' lists as "they're running the country." Which shows, of course, that they have more intelligence than Mr. Manion and his crowd who couldn't do that even when given the power.

New Liberal paper published in Calgary is called "The New Horizon." Probably this is because distance lends enchantment to the view.

And after the recent split in the ranks of the People's League we wonder if we may expect to see the Liberal sun go down over the New Horizon?

OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!!

However, whichever way you turn, every horizon is a new one and that of the Liberals seems to have a pretty Gray outlook.

According to a London writer on radio topics "the demand for really good music is daily becoming more and more inconsistent." Gosh. What'll become of most of the C.B.C. programs if that happens over here, too?

WE SHOULD SAY NOT

Postcard from Crusty Bill intimates that not by any stretch of the imagination can the \$2 radio license fee collected by Ottawa be regarded as an entertainment tax.

And while on the subject of radio we wonder when listeners hereabouts are going to get ALL the C.B.C. programs they are supposed to get. When Mr. King gets through squabbling with Mister Hepburn he might find time to inquire.

WISE OLD BIRD, EH?

An owl followed an Atlantic liner when it sailed from Canada, settled on board and was taken to England where it now resides in the comfort of the London Zoo. Heck! we didn't think the King Government had made things so tough that even the birds want to get out.

Orchids to Pat and Don of CJJC for their good work on behalf of the needy, uncared for by other organizations this Christmas. May their voices never grow weary.

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But it was her death that made him a man.*

—Edith Cherrington,
in the Vermonter.

Favorite song of Calgary relief recipients:

"Let's all sing like the birdies sing,
Cheap, cheap, cheap, cheap, cheap!"

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Then there's the guy who insisted on having a light supper because he wanted to see himself feed in the dark.

Communication from Mister Gloom tells us that for three weeks he saved all the stale bread to make stuffing and then nobody sent him a turkey.

INFORMATION DEPT.

Dear Musty: If "wooster" is spelled "Worcester," why in heck isn't "roost-

CO-OP. PROGRAM STARTED IN P.E.I.; 4,300 ORGANIZED

Inspired by Role of Nova Scotia Co-operatives in Economic Reconstruction

(Co-operative League News Service) CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Jan. 5th.—Inspired by the role co-operatives have played in the economic reconstruction of Nova Scotia, educational leaders in Prince Edward Island have launched an intensive program of adult education and co-operative organization in this Province.

In May, 1936, St. Dunstan's College called a meeting of government, religious, educational, agricultural and fishing organizations to discuss a program of action. The Adult Education League was formed to carry out a definite program during the winter of 1936-37. The technique used so successfully in Nova Scotia by St. Francis Xavier University was followed as closely as possible. Public meetings were called to discuss the problems facing each community; these were followed by the organization of small study clubs; then group of associated study clubs were formed for economic action.

Beginning in November, study clubs were organized at the rate of 25 a week. At the end of March, 1937, there were 338 study clubs in action with 4300 members. Circulating libraries, newspaper articles, and a series of radio programs intensified the work.

Twenty-four credit unions, twelve co-operative buying clubs and two co-operative stores have already been established as a direct result of the program. A credit union law has been enacted. A number of co-operative production units are being formed and another intensive education program launched for the 1937-38 season.

Following an address by Anders Hedberg, Swedish co-operator now visiting the U.S., who said that Swedish co-operatives were operating on a strictly cash basis, the annual meeting of shareholders of the Consumers' Co-operative Association of North Kansas City, Mo., pledged themselves to work towards a cash basis. Over 1,000 attended, representing 363 local associations.

er" spelled "rorcester?" Answer me that, old top, answer me that.

Ans: You find the solution to this and other traffic problems on page 3,249 of Prof. Questo's treatise of the English language to be published in 1998.

Oh, well, things are improving somewhat in Japan. Yep, we understand that quite a lot of unemployed filing clerks have been given jobs taking care of the protest notes that country is ignoring.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH
If you say it with brakes you can save the flowers.

Oh yes, we nearly forgot to wish all our readers a happy and prosperous New Year. And don't forget to date your letters 1938.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY
"The banns of marriage are bachelors and old maids."

The Bad Egg from Crow's Nest asserts that some guys are so nervous they are afraid to dismiss their doubts.

WAIL FROM WALLY
A woman, declares Wally our incurable bachel, is a person who knows how to extract money from matrimony.

PASS THE PUCK!

SPORT

Ye sports scribe wishes all readers of this column a happy and prosperous 1938.

The past year has been a fairly good one for sports in Canada and the West has upheld its end in spite of drought and bad crops. True, the Sudbury Tigers won the senior hockey championship from North Battleford, and the Toronto Argonauts beat the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in rugby, but Winnipeg still holds the junior hockey championship and the basketball championship still reposes on the Pacific. New Westminster too, is the abiding place of the lacrosse champion-

I predict that the senior hockey championship will return West this year and that the Junior championship will be retained in the land of the "wide open spaces." If the East switches its rugby rules the West should also win the rugby championship of 1938.

Another prediction: The Brown Bomber, Joe Louis, will beat the Black Uhlan, Max Schmeling, when they meet in New York next June.

The surprise package in Alberta senior hockey circles this year is the Lethbridge Maple Leafs. After winning the intermediate championship last year Lethbridge has lined up a smart team which is more than holding its own in the Crow league.

Lethbridge wanted to play in Alberta, but there was opposition in the Big Six, so the Maple Leafs joined up with Coleman, Kimberley, Trail, Nelson, et al.

Herman Thole, manager of the Maple Leafs, has worked up tremendous enthusiasm for hockey in Lethbridge. Gates of 3,000 are not unusual, while in Calgary and Edmonton attendance is comparatively meagre. Somehow or other the Big Six is not drawing as in past years.

The Toronto Maple Leafs certainly look to be the pick of the international hockey league at the present time. However, the same could have been said of the Leafs at this time last year. Connie Smythe's team of the past few seasons have been morning glories.

The Detroit Red Wings have gone to pieces completely after having won the championship for two years in succession. The Canadiens in Montreal have made quite a spurt but don't appear to have the actual class to last.

The New York Rangers and the Boston Bruins, in my opinion, are the only teams in the league to compare with the Maple Leafs. The Rangers are fast, crafty and well-trained, and the Bruins have developed juniors who are likely to set the league on fire before the end of the season.

"Badly under-nourished" is the report of school health officers on 23,000 of Philadelphia's school children. A majority of these children, states the report, come from "poverty-stricken homes, in which the average income from all sources is just over \$15 for an average family of 6.4 persons."

SIMPLE ENOUGH

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Japanese Siege Leaves Little but City Wall Standing



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Nanking, long considered impregnable, provided only a brief obstacle to the mechanized army of Nippon. Before every gate, dead Chinese lay where they had fallen in a last desperate stand. Japanese troops, here standing in the background, had planned a great victory celebration

to mark the capital's fall. A parade was held, but the bombing of the U.S. gunboat Panay, the attack on two British warships and a fleet of U.S. tankers by Japanese airmen, two days before, made it a comparatively quiet event, lacking glory.

Prominent Figures in Labor Relations Controversy in U.S.



Three figures in a controversy that may test the power of the Roosevelt Government to make its policies in certain fields effective are shown above. In the centre is Harold Ickes, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, who in a recent broadcast address on December 30th, attacked the "sixty families who masterminded private enterprise," and strongly criticised Henry Ford, right, and Thomas Girdler, left, of "Little Steel," who have been fighting against the unionization of their plants

by the C.I.O.

Ickes declared American business must "purge itself of its Fords, Girdlers and Rands." Ford was described as having "defied the Constitution," and therefore, said Ickes, no longer merited the respect of "the decent, law-abiding citizens of America." Ickes, it is believed, was initiating a campaign to popularize anti-monopoly legislation soon to be introduced by Roosevelt.

Ford has been ordered by the National Labor

Relations Board to reinstate 29 workers in his St. Louis plant, on the ground that their discharge was discriminatory. He has refused, and has been charged with contempt of court. He has declared his intention to lay his case before the public, and hotly repudiated the charge that he is acting in an unconstitutional manner. It is understood that he will be given extended time to prepare his answer to the Labor Relations Board before the charge is proceeded with.